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"Godless" kibbutzim blasted

Peretz ignites culture clash

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The cultural clash simmering between religious and secular Jews since Israel's founding flared suddenly last week into a political uproar touching on the absorption of immigrants, particularly newcomers from Ethiopia.

The flames were fed by Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz, an Orthodox rabbi, who objected to the Jewish Agency temporarily housing some Ethiopian olim at what he called "godless" kibbutzim. He contended doing so would result in them abandoning Judaism.

Peretz made the statements during an angry television encounter with Mooki Tsur, secretary of TAKAM, the United Kibbutz Movement. Appearing on Israel Television's nightly newscast, Peretz charged that the kibbutzim had enticed immigrants from Arab countries away from Judaism during the 1950s and 1960s.

The absorption minister implied that this was responsible for a high crime rate among Israelis of Sephardic origin. He said Israeli jails were now "full with sons and daughters of Middle Eastern origin."

"If Peretz wants a kulturkampf, he will have one" declared Ya'acov Tsur, a Laborite who preceded him as minister of absorption. "Peretz ought to know that he is the absorption minister of the entire people of Israel, not just the ultra-Orthodox ones."

The opposition Labor Party promptly introduced a motion of no confidence in the Knesset and demanded that the Likud-led government dismiss Peretz forthwith.

Similar motions were filed by the Citizens Rights Movement, Mapam and the Center-Shinui Movement, all parties on the left wing of the political spectrum.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres held the Likud government responsible.

"If Rabbi Peretz were a private person, okay, that is his view," Peres said. "But he represents a government, and the government must bear the consequences of his approach."

Yitzhak Rabin, Labor's No. 2 leader, told Israel Radio: "This outburst of deep hatred from a rabbi and cabinet minister in Israel points to a most serious phenomenon — a real effort to tear at the social fabric of Israel."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir tried to calm tempers Sunday as thousands of kibbutzniks and their supporters demanded that he fire Peretz for insulting the kibbutz movement. They were backed by at least one cabinet minister and more than a few Knesset members.

Thousands of kibbutz members and supporters from all over the country streamed into the amphitheater at Kibbutz Shefayim for a solidarity rally Sunday. Among many public figures seen in the crowd was Shimon Peres, chairman of the opposition Labor Party, and Tehiya Knesset member Gershon Shafat.

A smaller demonstration was held Sunday outside the Prime Minister's Office. Several dozen youths demanded that Peretz resign.

The Histadrut Central Committee also demanded Sunday that Shamir dismiss Peretz. Yisrael Kessar, secretary-general of the trade union federation, said the recent outburst made him unfit to serve in the government.

Shamir, who needs the religious bloc to keep his governing coalition intact, was able to defuse the conflict at Sunday's cabinet meeting because Peretz was conveniently out sick.

He called on all parties to refrain from "unnecessary" internal strife and stressed there is no question of the right of kibbutzim to absorb immigrants, "on condition that the norms important to the olim will be observed."

Peretz insisted Sunday that he would not retract his charges. But he said he was ready to talk it over with leaders of the kibbutz movement and claimed he had been misunderstood.

Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz created a furor over kibbutzim.

U.S. to support Israel in UN peace dealings

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

The United States will veto any anti-Israel UN Security Council resolutions on the peace process, if Jerusalem accepts a U.S.-brokered compromise to break the procedural deadlock blocking the convening of a Middle East peace conference, Secretary of State James Baker told Foreign Minister David Levy last week in Washington, officials close to Levy say.

Letter to Bush

"Baker said he could assure us no such resolutions will pass throughout the peace process," one official close to Levy said in recounting the meeting the two held at the State Department.

These officials say Baker declared the United States would thwart any Security Council move on the peace process. They also say Baker cautioned that one should not underestimate the desire of the Soviets and the Europeans to maintain their status within the conference rather than abdicate their power to the UN.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir wrote President George Bush earlier this month that the presence of a silent UN observer at the talks could essentially be a point of pressure against Israel should direct negotiations become stalemated.

Specifically, Shamir wrote Bush that the reports of the observer could be submitted to UN bodies, tempting the Security Council to intervene in breaking a logjam, thus making Israel politically vulnerable.

Therefore, a U.S. pledge by Baker to Levy that would torpedo any hostile Security Council resolution on the peace process could ease Israeli fears about including such a UN observer.

Meanwhile, Baker remains intent on seeking to negotiate with all sides, in a bid to bridge the gap between the parties.

Israeli officials say Baker has opposed efforts by White House National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft to issue invitations to the foreign ministers of the region to a preliminary parley to resolve procedural differences - and see who turns up.

Baker has so far rejected such advice as being too risky, and Shamir pointedly appealed to Bush in his letter to refrain from issuing any invitations until all outstanding issues are resolved.

Levy emerged from his meeting with Baker with the understanding that Israel "will not be surprised" by any American diplomatic moves.

SENATOR DAVID CROLL (1900-1991)

Senator David Croll died last week. See stories on pages 9 and 14.

Early deadlines

TORONTO —

To enable The CJN staff to enjoy some vacation time, the newspaper will be closed the week of July 8.

As a result, we're printing the July 11 issue earlier than usual. So please make note of these dates:

Editorial deadline for the July 11 issue is Friday, June 28.

Advertising deadlines are as follows:

Classified and organizations: Tuesday, July 2 at noon; display: Wednesday, July 3 at noon.

As a result of the week-long closing, there will be no issue of July 18. As well, there will be no issue of July 4, in keeping with the CJN's revised 47 issues a year publishing schedule.

Canada

Most attend synagogue during year

Toronto Jews maintain strong religious identity: survey

By
PAUL LUNGEN
TORONTO —

Toronto's Jewish community consists of a large proportion of immigrants and their children who retain a strong religious/national identity, are generous contributors to tzedakah and who maintain connections to many aspects of Jewish life, a recent study shows.

Forty-one per cent of people surveyed for a study by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) are foreign-born, compared to seven per cent of Boston's Jews and 27 per cent of Miami's, the report stated.

The report, titled *A First Look, Greater Toronto Jewish Community Study*, is authored by sociologist Jay Brodbar-Nemzer, the assistant director of community planning and allocations for JFGT, formerly Toronto Jewish Congress.

Of the foreign-born respondents to the survey, about four per cent come from Israel, three per cent from South Africa, three per cent from Britain, five per cent from the United States, five per cent from the Soviet Union (arriving since 1970), with the remainder mostly from Eastern Europe.

The report states that "among the 59 per cent who are Canadian-born, 66 per cent were born in Toronto, 15 per cent in Montreal, and the rest throughout Canada. Migration to Toronto continues, with 10 per cent of the foreign-born respondents. . . arriving since 1985, and it should be expected that the population will continue to grow."

Steve Ain, the federation's executive director, estimates that Greater Toronto's Jewish population now stands between 140,000-145,000.

In his conclusions, Brodbar-Nemzer states that the survey of 1,400 Jewish households indicates that the community "is relatively vibrant and sound. A high proportion of youth receives Jewish education, our links with Israel are strong and the giving to Jewish philanthropies is generous. . . The overall picture is positive."

One survey result that startled Brodbar-Nemzer was the degree to which Toronto Jews have visited Israel. Almost two-thirds said they had visited the Jewish state at least once — more than 20 per cent higher than the closest U.S. city.

Another figure that surprised Brodbar-Nemzer, a native of the United States, was that Toronto was not as affected by intermarriage as Americans, though that appeared to be changing.

Before 1961, 97 per cent married within their own faith, while in 1981-85 that had dropped to 65 per cent. Since 1986, the figure has increased to 70 per cent.

Other survey findings include:

• most Toronto Jews are middle and upper-middle class, but many have low or moderate incomes. The median income reported is $55,000, with 10 per cent with incomes below $20,000. The elderly, disabled and single parents each constitute economically vulnerable groups.

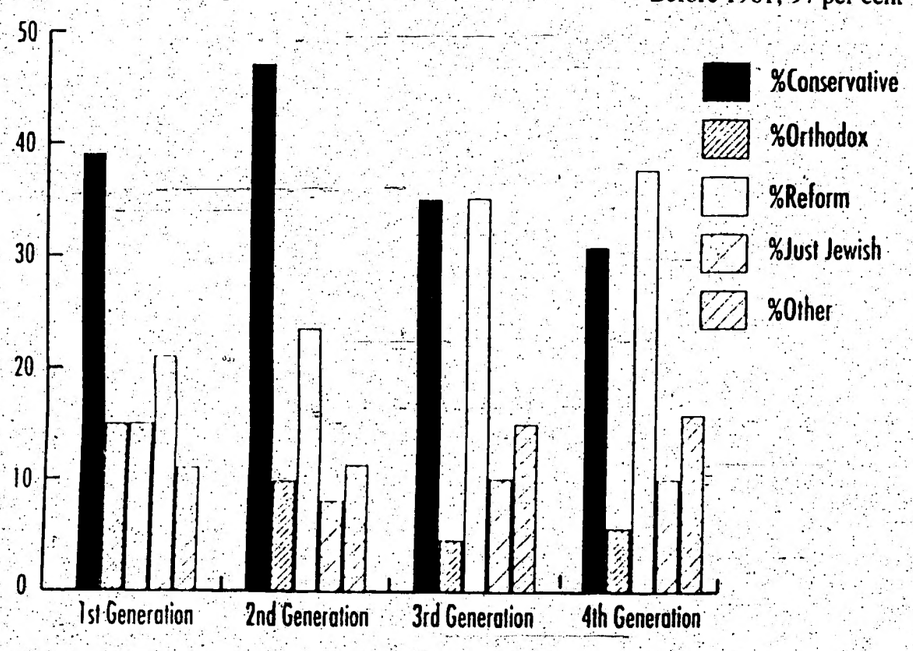
• about 10 per cent of households identified themselves as Orthodox, 39 per cent as Conservative and 24 per cent as Reform. Twenty-seven per cent described themselves as "just Jewish" or "other." Compared to U.S. cities, the percentages of Orthodox and Conservative are high, the number of Reform is low.

• about 90 per cent of Jews attend synagogue sometime during the year, but few attend often.

• compared to U.S. cities, Toronto has a relatively high proportion of households which light Shabbat candles, host or attend a Passover seder, and observe kashrut. Almost 90 per cent always or usually attend a seder, while about 42 per cent light Friday night candles always or usually.

• about 41 per cent of households said they sought some type of help from community organizations and agencies, from day care, to counselling, to singles programming to elder social/recreational events.

• three-quarters of respondents said they contributed to a Jewish philanthropy or charity, one of North America's highest proportions for donating. Close to 60 per cent give to the United Jewish Appeal.



Percent of generation identifying with denomination

Winnipeg furniture dealer slammed for offensive ad

By
MYRON LOVE
WINNIPEG —

A well known Winnipeg furniture dealer got himself into a spot of trouble recently after a listener complained that one of his radio ads implied that Jews are cheap.

Nick Hill has been in the furniture business in north Winnipeg at the same location for 39 years. A boisterous individual, he has always appeared in his own commercials. Over the long weekend, Hill ran an ad on CFOX-FM 104 for his Kernhill Co-op store.

According to press reports, Hill responded to his son's listing a price reduction on a piece of furniture by saying "Oy Vey. And I'm not even Jewish."

A listener (who isn't Jewish but whose wife is) complained to the radio station and the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights Midwest region office.

"If he was intending to be funny, he wasn't," says League for Human Rights Midwestern chairman Murray Trachtenberg. "This sort of comment unfortunately reflects, intentionally or otherwise, negative stereotypes. It is a matter of public concern. We have written the (radio) station about it and sent a copy of the letter to the CRTC."

Hill says he feels badly about the incident. A longtime member of the YMHA Jewish Community Centre (he is of Dutch-Ukrainian ancestry), he says the line was taken out of context. "I didn't mean it the way it came out. It's been overplayed. I have a lot of Jewish customers. Older Jews and Ukrainians and other people from the old country I deal with appreciate a bargain."

Hill plans to apologize on one of his upcoming commercials if anyone was offended.

As for the radio station, general manager Jim Millican says no action is planned in light of the incident. "The comment shouldn't have been aired," he says. "The comment wasn't necessary. We are in the entertainment business. We don't want to annoy anyone. We have procedures in place and do all we can to make sure this sort of thing doesn't happen. In this case, our system failed."

Jack Chisvin takes his "turn" as Jewish federation president

TORONTO —

In his first address as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), Jack Chisvin elicited some nervous chuckles when he announced he hadn't sought the position until he was told "it was my turn."

Though he initially was reticent to take on the demanding, time-consuming stewardship of the federation (formerly Toronto Jewish Congress), his acceptance follows a pattern that he can trace all the way back to high school.

Even as a student growing up in Winnipeg, Chisvin was a leader — head of the school's football team and foreman among students working at a wartime factory.

His decision to accept the federation presidency, though prompted by suggestions from prominent community leaders, was also made for a number of personal reasons, he said.

In the past year, Chisvin, an electrical engineer by profession, has been beset by a medical condition that causes a ringing in his ear. Chisvin says his wife, Phyllis, coaxed him into vying for the federation leadership as a way of ensuring he would remain active, stimulated and not "dealt out of life."

As a participant in many aspects of organizational life, Chisvin, 64, has been able to weigh over the years the community's strong and weak points, and he has set an agenda at the top of which he places concern over funding for Jewish education.

That is the "single most important issue" facing the community, he said in an interview. The current funding practice "is untenable. . . it's going to break this community" as long as it continues to be funded out of current revenue, currently to the tune of $7 million a year.

The president says the community must examine other ways of financing its schools.

He suggests developing a private plan where parents and grandparents contribute to an educational trust fund out of which education costs can be paid.

Another item on Chisvin's agenda is breaking down differences in what he calls Toronto's "fragmented" Jewish community.

There are pockets of Jews like Soviet arrivals, out-of-towners, Sephardim and religious groups who associate among themselves but who must be made to feel an integral part of the community, he said.

Chisvin is also challenging the community to put more stress on cultural and educational endeavors.

Cultural institutions which receive funds from UJA, the JFGT's fund-raising arm, must focus on Jewish cultural productions and presentations, he insisted.

Jack Chisvin

In promoting Jewish culture, Chisvin may be influenced by his childhood attendance at the Peretz school in Winnipeg, where Yiddish, literature and Jewish culture were taught, he said.

In his early years in the prairie city, Chisvin was an active member of the city's YMHA and he recalls that though he was not from an affluent family (his father worked in a meat plant), a sense of community service and paying your dues was instilled at an early age.

After moving to Toronto in 1950 (after one year in Niagara Falls), he quickly called the United Jewish Welfare Fund, JFGT's predecessor, to make a contribution.

His first "real commitment" came when he joined the Beth David Synagogue, later becoming president.

Over the years, he has increased his involvement with the UJA, eventually becoming chairman of its executive committee. He has served as president of the Toronto chapter of Technion, chairman of the board of Technion nationally and is a life member of the school's international board of governors. He served as the first chairman of Project Renewal.

A highlight of his professional career came in 1973, as evidenced by a certificate on his office wall. It's from the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and is certificate number one — the first one ever issued by the society in recognition of Chisvin's outstanding contribution in the field.

— P.L.

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SAMUEL BRONFMAN MEDAL WINNER

Longtime Soviet Jewry activist Barbara Stern was presented with the prestigious Samuel Bronfman Medal at a special ceremony before the Canadian Jewish Congress National Executive Committee recently. From left are Zalman Stern; Monroe Abbey, CJC honorary president; Barbara Stern; and Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president. [Michael Beigleman photo]

Holocaust denier's credibility destroyed

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO

Fred Leuchter Jr., the man whose "engineering report" has been touted by Holocaust-deniers as "proving" Jews could not have been killed in Nazi gas chambers, has signed a court document acknowledging he is not a professional engineer and promising not to publish the report.

"This man has been exposed for what he is — a fraud," said Middlesex Country District Attorney Thomas Reilly, who negotiated the terms of the document.

Leuchter's so-called expertise on gas chambers has been shown to be phony, added Shelly Shapiro, director of Holocaust Survivors & Friends in Pursuit of Justice.

Judge Christine McEvoy sentenced Leuchter to two years pre-trial probation, during which time he cannot hold himself out as an engineer or publish or distribute engineering reports, including the gas chamber report. Failure to abide by the terms of the agreement would mean continuation of the trial against him for falsely impersonating an engineer.

It was the U.S.-based Holocaust survivors group, along with the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, which initiated the complaint against Leuchter with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Engineers. Following an investigation, the board filed the criminal charges last summer.

During Zundel's 1988 "false news" trial, in which the Toronto propagandist was charged with publishing lies denying the Holocaust, Leuchter was commissioned to prepare the gas chamber report.

But District Court Judge Ron Thomas declined to let it into evidence, ruling Leuchter was unqualified to author such a report. He had only a Bachelor of Arts degree and had "made himself an engineer," Thomas stated.

Nevertheless, it afterwards achieved international distribution. In Britain it was published with a forward by historian David Irving, prompting the House of Commons to denounce it as the "pernicious work of Hitler's heirs."

Leuchter agrees he will "cease and desist" from issuing or distributing the report.

Jewish Historical Society boosts membership at meet

KINGSTON —

The Canadian Jewish Historical Society has signed up close to 200 members from every province except Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, the organization's newly elected president Abraham Arnold of Winnipeg reported at the recent annual meeting.

Held as part of the Conference of Learned Societies at Queen's University, the conference's sessions were well-attended, never dropping below 40 in the two-day meet. The joint session with the Canadian Historical Association on Teaching the Holocaust drew more than 60 persons.

At the session, Prof. Michael Marrus of the University of Toronto referred to the scanty treatment the Holocaust received from historians in the early post-war period and the changes brought about in the aftermath of the Adolf Eichmann trial in the early 1960s.

Marrus warned against manipulation and abuse of the Holocaust by writers who do it for a variety of reasons, either positive or negative. He said that the "academization" of Holocaust study would go far to remedy this failing, bringing the subject into the framework of the canons and methodology of academic scholarship.

Franklin Bialystok, a PhD candidate at York University, pointed out that New Brunswick is the only province where a ministry of education has produced a curriculum for teaching about the Holocaust. He cautioned that Jews must not give in to the illusion that by teaching the Holocaust they are assuring themselves against a historical repetition of this kind of catastrophe.

Bialystok also stated that he was "not..in favor" of making Holocaust education obligatory. He said that most teachers are not yet professionally and psychologically equipped to deal with it.

Rachel Schlesinger of Toronto presented a paper on Women in Zionism, a study of the affiliation of three Toronto Jewish women — Lil Levy, the late Matti Rotenberg and the late Gertie Kronick — and their relationship to the community through Hadassah-WIZO. Ruth Frager of McMaster University in Hamilton delivered a study on two labor strikes at the tailoring and dressmaking factories of the Eaton firm — one in 1912, the other in 1934 — in both of these strikes Jewish immigrant women played a key role.

In the session on Oral Documentation, Marcia Koven related how a "Kum-Aheym" homecoming gathering of Saint John expatriates eventually led to the formation of the Saint John Jewish Museum, the only such institution in Canada. Paula Draper dealt with the special problems encountered in interviewing Holocaust survivors. Oral history, she stated, is what lends flesh and blood to the dry chronicles of history.

Officers of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society are Abraham Arnold, president; Paula Draper, vice-president and program co-chairman; Judge Sydney M. Harris, honorary vice-president; Ed Wolkove, treasurer; Ben Kayfetz, recording secretary; Henry Trachtenberg, corresponding secretary; Ira Robinson, membership chairman; and Victor Sefton, past chairman.

B'NAI BRITH MEETS MCLAUGHLIN

A delegation from B'nai Brith Canada recently met with NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin in her Centre Block office. This was BBC's first formal meeting with McLaughlin since she assumed the leadership of her party. Pictured are (from left) Ian J. Kagedan, B'nai Brith director of government relations; Mark Sandler, chairman, League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith; McLaughlin; Gabe Nachman, chairman of B'nai Brith Foundation; and Brian Morris, chairman of the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada.

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Prof. Reuven Feuerstein (seated left) was presented with the 1990 Variety Clubs International Humanitarian Award at a tribute dinner in Vancouver. With Feuerstein are (seated to his right) his wife, and (standing, from left) Esther Matlow, national president of Hadassah-WIZO Canada, and Monty Hall. Actress Beatrice Arthur and Stan Reynolds, presented the award. Rabbi Wineberg of Chabad Lubavitch Vancouver gave the invocation and co-chairmen were Philip Isaacs and Michael R. Forman. [Robert Edel photo]

BBYO updates records for alumni reunion

TORONTO —

In preparation for its upcoming Nov. 23 Alumni Reunion, B'nai Brith Youth Organization is making a zealous plea to all former members to help update its alumni records.

Missing Persons, the reunion campaign's kick-off poster designed to make sure all alumni are invited to the event, will be posted in Jewish communities throughout Southern Ontario and Western New York.

The reunion, to be held at Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue, is the first step toward the formation of a permanent alumni association.

Without support from its alumni, BBYO will soon be forced to close its doors as B'nai Brith Canada recently stopped funding the youth organization.

Joining the campaign are Honorary chairmen Larry Grossman and former International B'nai Brith Girls president (N'Siah) Jacque Altman.

BBYO provides service to Jewish youth from grades seven to 13. As the largest Jewish youth group in North America, it has touched the hearts and minds of thousands of teens.

Altman feels that "BBYO offers a unique opportunity for the development of leadership amongst our youth and plays an important role in the development of our youths' Jewish identity."

BBYO has been an integral part of the Canadian Jewish community since 1924 and with the support of its alumni will continue to be a strong voice for Jewish teens in the 90s.

All alumni are urged to call (416) 635-9411 to make sure their names are on the alumni list accompanied with up-to-date data. The reunion committee is also looking for alumni volunteers to help

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Government outlines new policy

Children get rights in B.C.

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

A bill of rights for children has been announced by Premier Rita Johnston of British Columbia.

While it's not official legislation, the new government policy "outlines the responsibilities and expectations of families, communities and government to protect the rights and interests of children," Johnston said at a press conference here.

"It will guide the work of all ministries and lays the foundation for programs and services the ministries will provide that affect children and their families."

Johnston added that "as a parent and as a grandparent I believe very strongly we must give our children as many opportunities as we can. . . . We must make sure we provide an environment so that children can grow into productive and secure adults. And we want young people to be happy while they are growing up."

The "children's policy" commits the government to protect children from exploitation and seeks to ensure children and their families are safe in their communities; to provide the means whereby children can enjoy good health; to provide an educational system which respects and encourages individual potential; to provide supportive services directed to assisting families in raising their children; to provide protection and take responsibility for the child when the family is not able to do so.

Parents and families are called on to provide care and protection to their children; provide moral and spiritual guidance; provide a good example for children to emulate; provide a home and the basic amenities of life; and speak on behalf of the child and represent the child's interests.

The community as a whole is charged with the responsibility to look out for and care about the children around them, and respect individual differences, cultural backgrounds and beliefs.

As for the kids, the policy calls on them to do their best in all their undertakings; respect and value all persons and all living things; prepare themselves to be fully participating and contributing adults and to "have fun."

Johnston said this policy "will provide a framework to the B.C. government for the development and provision of services to children and their families."

Netanyahu tells Jewish leaders:

Truth a victim in the Mideast

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"The most important battle Israel is facing is the battle for truth," Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's deputy foreign minister told 75 community leaders at a luncheon held recently in Olympia & York's board room, at First Canadian Place.

Netanyahu, a spokesperson for the Jewish community and one of the most influential leaders of the State of Israel, was on a whirlwind trip to Toronto on behalf of the International Centre for Jewish Leadership.

This organization helps cultivate Jewish leaders on campuses across North America. ICJL selects students who show leadership potential and initiative. The students travel to Israel for six weeks on a scholarship to receive intensive training on advocacy for Israel and leadership skills development. ICJL provides ongoing programs on North American campuses as a service to other Jewish student organizations.

"We are the recipients of the greatest big lie campaign in history, invented in its modern form in this century," said Netanyahu. "Over the last two decades, the Arabs have perpetrated one of the greatest slanders in history. They achieved the remarkable success in the reversal of causality of the Arab-Israeli conflict." He explained that essentially what they have done is to turn the results of the conflict into the cause.

Arab leaders, he noted, will claim they are fighting Israel because of Arab refugees, "but if you remind him that there were no Arab refugees when the Arabs attacked Israel in 1948 — you would be hitting the nail on the head. They turned the results of their aggression into its cause."

Addressing the luncheon meeting, hosted by Philip Reichmann and co-chaired with Allan Silber, Julia Koschitzky, Paul Bronfman and Herb Green, Reichmann said that the war of information takes place on campuses across North America every day. "It is an ongoing battle for the hearts and minds of Jewish and non-Jewish students who will become the leaders of our community."

Reichmann said, "It is a war that from the perspective of many people, we are unfortunately losing. This is primarily due to inadequate information, education and a biased media persepctive which the Palestinians have successfully capitalized on — their media-created underdog image." He added that the ICJL, under the direction of Rabbi David Green, is the organization that tries to correct the situation.

He introduced Jonathan Fuchs, a graduate student from Brandeis University who attended an ICJL program in Israel, where the group met with political and community leaders, as well as rabbinical and social scholars.

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Na'amat caregiver tends to Ethiopian toddlers at daycare centre in Beersheba.

Alex and Avishag have been in Israel for three months. They speak Russian and a little Yiddish. They have a bare apartment, a new baby, no jobs, and no money. Akale's problems are more immediate. He's seventeen and he's just arrived in the airlift from Ethiopia. He has nothing.

A recent government sponsored ad campaign told Israelis that a smile is all that's needed to welcome and settle new immigrants. Na'amat Secretary General Masha Lubelsky, attacked the ads. "Smiles will not solve the serious problems of the Olim!" she stated. "Na'amat deals with their absorption difficulties every day. And believe me, it's hard to smile when we're faced with the shocking sight of thousands of poverty stricken Olim!"

Na'amat is represented on all established Absorption Committees and is pressuring the government to find much needed housing and jobs for immigration, but absorption of thousands of newcomers is a mammoth task. Many of the Soviets arrive with few belongings. The Ethiopians arrive with only the clothes they're wearing. They have little knowledge of Hebrew and none of the skills or qualifications they need to find jobs. Their rate of unemployment and outright poverty is rising alarmingly.

Thoughout Israel, Olim are turning to Na'amat for help. Ethiopians already in Israel are being enlisted to help newcomers through culture shock and thousands of Na'amat volunteers are being trained to provide the tangible, day-to-day support all the immigrants need.

* Russian and Amharic language libraries
* Hebrew classes for children and adults
* Daycare in Na'amat Nurseries and in Absorption centres
* Adult and high school level vocational training
* Educational and social programs
* Legal Aid counselling and referral services
* Job placement aid
* Na'amat hosted weddings, bar mitzvahs and briths
* Collection and distribution of donated household items
* Companionship, understanding and friendship

In response to an urgent call for help, Na'mat Canada has appealed to its members and supporters to "adopt" immigrant families. Donations made by these "spiritual mishpocha" are providing the means for Na'amat to help the Olim to whom it has opened its doors.

Immigration from the Soviet Union continues and now thousands of Ethiopians join the influx. Na'amat will continue to offer them not only a welcoming smile, but also the basic needs and skills these newcomers need to survive in their homeland.

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The GOSPEL According to MALCOLM...

Journalist angers BBC over al-Mashat remarks

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
A Quebec journalist has strayed into sensitive waters with controversial remarks on CBC radio regarding the al-Mashat affair. And B'nai Brith Canada isn't very pleased.

In a May 17 live interview with the CBC's French-language radio morning program CBOF-FM Bonjour, print journalist Michel Vastel questioned the role of Allan Gotlieb, Canada's former ambassador to the United States and his law partner Sidney Lederman in easing ex-Iraqi ambassador to the United States Mohammed al-Mashat's March 30 entry into Canada.

Gottlieb and Lederman are members of the Toronto office of the Montreal law firm Stikeman Elliot referred to by Vastel in the CBOF-FM transcript as "probably the most influential law office in the Canadian Jewish community."

Vastel also called Stikeman Elliot "well-known", connected with de tres gros capitaux juifs (big Jewish money) and having "many relationships with the State of Israel."

He questioned the personal intervention of Gottlieb in the affair as well as the role, if any, played by (former Employment and Immigration Minister) now External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall who represents the "second most influential riding in terms of the Jewish community in Canada." (The ministers riding of St. Paul's in Toronto)

Gottlieb and Lederman have said they called Raymond Chretien, the No.2 public servant at External Affairs on behalf of al-Mashat.

"The Mashat affair affords great latitude to those who indulge in speculation about Canada and international intrigue," said Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith Canada's director of government relations, in a press release. "Vastel's comments can be interpreted in such a manner as to implicate a particular community, where no evidence exists to that effect," said Kagedan.

"Suggesting a Jewish-Israel connection may single (out) the Jewish community for blame," he said. "Allegations of Jewish influence also pander to stereotypes whose time has come to be set aside."

The Canadian Jewish Congress is also "troubled" by Vastel's comments. "It's despicable innuendo, totally unfounded, and not dissimilar" to remarks Vastel has made in the past, said Michael Crelinstein, the Quebec region's executive director.

Vastel feels he's gotten a "bum rap" from B'nai Brith Canada. He bristles at the organization's oversensitivity. "I thought they were more progressive," he said.

Vastel said he merely asked questions and wondered about the linkages. And, he's concerned that his tone was not reproduced on the transcripts. One can tell the difference when the tape is actually heard, he said.

Still, Vastel is convinced there's a "link between prominent members of the Jewish lobby and the State of Israel." Not all Jews are as sensitive though about this linkage as are Canadian Jews, he maintained.

Kagedan filed a request (May 28) with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission to investigate B'nai Brith's complaint.

"At this point (the request) is still pending a decision by our legal counsel," said Andre Campeau, a CRTC information officer.

A veteran journalist, Vastel said he was "furious" with Kagedan for not phoning to tell him about B'nai Brith's press release. Instead, he found out via a Canadian Press reporter calling him for comment. Vastel phoned Kagedan to tell him of his displeasure and then said he would be sending tapes of the interview to the CBC and CRTC. (Kagedan does not dispute this version)

In an interview with The CJN, Vastel was at a loss to know why Kagedan never apprised him of B'nai Brith's concerns. Vastel said if that had been the case, the matter probably could have been dealt with quickly.

A meeting between Kagedan, B'nai Brith International Affairs Institute member Alti Rodal and CBOF-FM station (program) manager Sylvain Lafrance, and communications head Maryse Lariot took place Wednesday morning (June 12) to discuss the issue.

Kagedan found Lafrance "responsive, interested, and a little bit defensive."

Lafrance doubts strongly that Vastel was talking about a "Jewish conspiracy". But he said there could have been some "misunderstanding" and confusion on the part of the listener.

Littman favors trial for Ross

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Sol Littman, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, is renewing his call on the province of New Brunswick to prosecute school teacher Malcolm Ross — but this time he is armed with a supportive legal opinion from one of Canada's foremost criminal law attorneys.

In correspondence with New Brunswick Attorney General James Lockyer, Littman cites a letter he received from Toronto lawyer Clayton Ruby which underlines his argument that Ross could not raise a defence of religious opinion to justify his anti-Jewish writings.

Ross, a Moncton-area teacher, has written books and essays questioning the Holocaust and alleging an international Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity.

Lockyer has said a successful prosecution under federal anti-hate law is highly unlikely, given the defence of religious beliefs.

But Ruby attacks that position.

"One cannot make something a religious belief by merely proclaiming it to be so, or by joining together with others and declaring it to be so," Ruby writes.

"Ross purports to be a Christian. And it is no part of the Christian faith to preach hatred of Jews."

Citing a 1986 Supreme Court of Canada decision, which interpreted the Charter right to freedom of religion narrowly, Ruby states:

"I have no doubt that one could find an abundance of religious views about Jews which are negative based on historical allusions and interpretations of the Bible. But to go further and invent falsehoods about them is not and cannot be part of expression upon a religious subject."

Littman said an inquiry into the Ross case by the province's Human Rights Commission is the wrong venue for legal action against Ross.

The inquiry was prompted by a complaint by Moncton resident David Attis, who alleged the District 15 school board, by employing Ross, was failing to create a climate free of discrimination. A decision in the case has not yet been delivered.

In other developments, racist groups have targetted several New Brunswick residents with neo-Nazi bulletins and newspapers.

The Telegraph-Journal newspaper reported that Joan Barberis, a retired journalist, and Rev. Jim Leland, a United Church minister, appear to have been added to the mailing lists of racist groups after they had written letters to New Brunswick newspapers condemning hatred of Jews.

Last December, Barberis received an offer of purchasing Nazi swastikas to plaster on synagogues, which contained such slogans as: Inflation is Jewish, and Death to Race-Mixers.

Evidence at the "false news" trials of Toronto Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel showed that his two middle names, Christof Friedrick, were on the cover as author of a book offered to Barberis.

Leland, who helped set up the province's school Holocaust education program, has received letters suggesting he will burn in hell for defending the Jewish faith, The Times-Transcript reported.

Correction

In our May 23 story describing a lecture sponsored by Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, speaker Dennis Prager was mistakenly described as a rabbi. While an educator and writer, Prager has yet to obtain smicha.

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A scene from the Warsaw Ghetto.

NDP fails to pass resolutions on Mideast

By
RON CSILLAG

HALIFAX —

The federal New Democratic Party's resolution dealing with Israel and the Palestinians never made it to the floor of last week's national policy convention here.

Nine resolutions on international affairs were presented for consideration, and delegates passed four.

Those dealt with foreign aid, the Gulf War, the arms trade and Latin America's "disappeared" — dissidents and students who have vanished while in custody.

Only six hours were devoted to international affairs resolutions and convention planners "got an earful over that" from party faithful, David Pepper, an aide to NDP external affairs critic Svend Robinson, told The CJN.

Resolutions that didn't make it to a vote due to lack of time dealt with the Middle East, common security, the United Nations, Haiti and East Timor.

Policy makers were to have considered one composite resolution on the Middle East, which was arrived at by combining proposals written by Metro's Broadview-Greenwood riding association and the party's Federal Council.

The resolution called on the NDP to work for the convening of "one or more" international conferences under the auspices of the United Nations to:

- negotiate a settlement for the Mideast that would eliminate all weapons of mass destruction from the area and establish "a fair and lasting peace based on principles of common security."
- work toward a solution "that meets with the satisfaction of both the Palestinian and Israeli people," one that "respects the rights of Palestinians to national self-determination through statehood and recognizes the PLO as legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people, as well as Israel's right to exist within secure borders."
- strengthen the credibility of the UN and the application of UN resolutions which "allow for Palestinian right to self-determination and Israel's right to secure borders."
- ensure that settlement of "Jewish emigres to the occupied territories" be discontinued immediately.
- work for "an equitable distribution of the wealth" of the region "for the benefit of all the people and not the regimes or their military organizations.
- and work with the people of the region "for true democratization in order to guarantee a lasting peace."

Jewish suffering documented in film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Herded into a hideous, incredibly crowded ghetto by the Germans in 1940, the Jews of Warsaw were instantaneously doomed.

Hunger and disease were rampant. Systematic destruction loomed. The Nazis were writing an evil chapter in the often sad annals of human history.

Heinz Jost, a curious German soldier, stepped into this horrific and sometimes surrealistic landscape on Sept. 19, 1941, his 43rd birthday, and thereby contravened regulations. In the course of his wanderings, Jost took 129 graphic photographs of life in the ghetto — photographs that were first exhibited in Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and later in Toronto under the title of *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto*.

Jack Kuper, a Toronto Holocaust survivor and author of *Child of the Holocaust*, which is still in print after 24 years, was so moved by the exhibition that he has made a film about the Warsaw Ghetto.

A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto: A Birthday Trip in Hell was screened last week in Toronto. Kuper has submitted it to film festivals and television networks, both in Canada and abroad.

The half-hour documentary seamlessly matches Jost's gripping photographs with plaintive Yiddish folk songs and moving excerpts from Holocaust diaries written by Chaim Kaplan, Abraham Lewin, Adam Czerniakow and Emmanuel Ringelblum.

A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto is a sorrowful, respectful memorial to Jewish suffering. It is required viewing for those who care about what happened in that dreadful period.

As seen through Jost's camera lens and the writings of the Jewish diarists, the Warsaw Ghetto Jews live on borrowed time.

Conditions are atrocious; life is cheap.

Starving children weep bitterly at night. There is no running hot water, and people and laundry go unwashed.

After the Second World War, Jost, a hotelkeeper, hid his photographs in a drawer. For four decades, they lay undisturbed, unseen and untouched.

In the early 1980s, he offered them to the mass-circulation magazine Der Stern, which never published them.

Der Stern, however, gave the photographs to Yad Vashem. Now Kuper has used them to build an enduring cinematic monument to the hapless victims of the Holocaust — the victims whose very memory the Nazis sought to obiliterate.

Thanks to *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto*, they are not forgotten. Thanks to Jack Kuper, the light is not extinguished.

War crimes case awaits verdict on Soviet evidence

By
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

An Ontario Court judge is expected to rule shortly whether to grant permission for a commission to travel to the Soviet Union to obtain evidence in the Michael Pawlawksi war crimes case.

Lawyers for the Justice Department's war crimes unit last week argued they should be allowed to videotape the evidence of up to 14 mostly elderly Soviet witnesses and one in Germany. The testimony would be played back at Pawlawski's trial.

Pawlawski, 74, is charged with four counts of murder involving the deaths in 1942 of approximately 400 Jews in Nazi-occupied areas near Minsk.

Four counts in the original eight-count indictment, involving the murders of 80 Poles and eight Jews, were stayed early last week because of the death in March of a key witness, Justice Department lawyer James Sutton said.

The Crown's application to record the testimony of the remaining witnesses was opposed by defence lawyer Donald Bayne.

Responding to Bayne's argument that Soviet-source evidence is tainted and unreliable, Sutton said an assessment of the validity of the evidence should be determined at trial, not in the case's preliminary stages, Vernon reported.

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Ethiopian Jews adjusting to "heaven on earth"

By SHEILA DROPKIN
JERUSALEM —

There wasn't a dry eye in the room as we marvelled at the compassion being shown to the newly arrived Ethiopian immigrants being housed in Jerusalem's President Hotel.

"We" were a group of approximately 30 people from around the world who had come to Jerusalem to attend the annual meeting of the international board of governors of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre and had taken time out to greet these new olim five days after their arrival in Israel. Seven of us were from Canada.

The President is a rundown hotel that has clearly seen better days. There's no garden out back and the swimming pool is filled with about two years' worth of debris instead of water.

That the Jewish Agency has seconded it as an absorption centre (as it has numerous other hotels across Israel) is a boon for the hotel's owners. But to the new arrivals, it seemed like heaven on earth, albeit a confusing heaven.

One of our guides was a young Brandeis University student who is doing a year of graduate work at Hebrew University. He has taken a month away from his studies in order to serve as a volunteer but is teaching himself Amharic so he can communicate with their parents and grandparents.

The young man, who never did tell us his name, informed us that he and his fellow volunteers are so excited over this task that they spend all their time at the hotel.

Within the five days, many of the children had already learned rudimentary Hebrew and all of the new residents were starting to master such things as flush toilets, doors and door locks, and modern cutlery.

"They've advanced 1,000 years in five days," he told us. "Many of them locked themselves into the bathrooms and couldn't get out because they had never seen knobs and locks before. Others had a hard time fathoming the fact that they could sit on the toilets and didn't have to squat.

"The children are remarkable. Look at how they are drawing already. One of their favorite themes is airplanes, but they also draw pictures from the stories we've been telling them about Chanukah and other Jewish holidays which are strange to them."

Immediate problems facing the newcomers is the fact that they are not yet permitted out of doors since they could wander off and get lost or be susceptible to western diseases before being vaccinated as well as the dislike by many of the food being served to them.

A number of the adults are barely eating and the staff is fearful of their health.

The day they arrived, Dr. Jacob Adler, head of emergency services at Shaare Zedek, came to the hotel and checked all the 130 men, women and children.

Since there was no time to renovate the hotel before these new residents arrived, improvements will be made while they are there, adding to the confusion. But space will be made for classrooms for the adults and a brighter play area for the children.

We also saw: • a young nursing mother, wearing a combination of modern western clothing and her own brought from Ethiopia — a long white skirt and a colorful headcovering.

We saw two men greet each other with affection, but quiet dignity, the younger kissing the elder three times on each cheek (evidently, the closer the relationship, the more times they kiss).

• The Jewish Agency personnel, accomplishing what seems to be an impossible task, with good cheer and grace, and the young student volunteers, full of exhuberance and joy.

• The middle aged man with his two wives and 11 children and the woman who lost three children this year to famine.

• The young black man in the uniform of the Israel Defence Forces, who was in 1984 also a new immigrant and is now a full-fledged Israeli.

• The beautiful, delightful children, playing with their new toys, practising their newly learned Hebrew words and quickly overcoming the many difficulties and horrors they had already experienced.

• The true meaning of Israel and of Zionism and felt privileged to share but a bit of it.

The first generation of Ethiopian immigrants who celebrated their bar mitzvah at Boys Town, were helped with talis and tefillin by their "big brothers" of the Boys Town junior high school.

Jewish Agency to save last Ethiopian Jews

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Jewish Agency is sending a team of officials back into Ethiopia to arrange transportation to Israel for an estimated 2,000 Jews who missed last month's Operation Solomon airlift.

The airlift brought more than 14,000 Jews from Addis Ababa to Israel over a 36-hour period on May 24-25. But some 350 Jews did not make it to the airport in time for the airlift, and another 1,500 to 2,000 Jews are believed to be living still in the northwestern province of Gondar.

Also left behind in the capital were about 3,000 Jews who had converted to Christianity.

That triggered a controversy here over whether the converts should be helped to immigrate to Israel. In addition to those left in the capital, there are anywhere from 8,000 to 60,000 converts believed to be living in other parts of the country, including Gondar, where most of the Jews once lived.

Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz said the decision on whether they should be brought here rests with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Dinitz disclosed that Shamir personally gave instructions during Operation Solomon not to take the converts, disregarding pressure from Housing Minister Ariel Sharon and other ministers and Knesset members who want maximum aliya.

Dinitz told a Voice of Peace radio interviewer that the 3,000 converts left behind in Addis Ababa had been brought to the capital from the Gondar region by the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, not the Jewish Agency.

The Chief Rabbinate resolved recently to send a delegation of rabbis and kessim to Addis Ababa to investigate the status of the converts and oversee their "return" to Judaism. The kessim are the religious leaders of the Ethiopian Jews.

The Jewish Agency, however, is determined to bring out the remaining authentic Jews, who were on their way from Gondar to Addis Ababa during Operation Solomon or missed the airlift for other reasons.

Dinitz said the agency wants to get them all out as soon as possible. He rejected the notion of waiting for the general pacification of the country following the recent overthrow of the government.

The Jewish Agency chairman reported, meanwhile, that the number of absorption centres housing Operation Solomon arrivals has been reduced from 49 to 33, as the family registration process progresses.

Dinitz said about 25 per cent of the new olim would soon be moved from the hotels serving as absorption centres to mobile homes, close to relatives who preceded them to Israel.

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A soldier carries one of the airlifted Ethiopian Jews.

Schneider kept hectic pace to ensure Ethiopian Jews safety

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
For Michael Schneider, the last few weeks have been like a loop the loop roller-coaster ride.

As executive vice-president of the New York-based American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Schneider was among the key planners, from the U.S. side, of Operation Solomon, Israel's clockwork airlift last month of 14,000 Ethiopian Jews.

That meant a frenzied work pace and little sleep for him and the staff of the Joint, the agency that provides monetary stipends and relief supplies for oppressed Jews everywhere.

But Ethiopia holds a special place in Schneider's heart: it was he who helped convince the government of deposed leader Mengistu Haile Mariam to allow the Joint into the country in 1981, not long after Mengistu kicked out ORT, the Israeli-based network of vocational schools.

For Schneider and the other U.S. leaders who coordinated the effort from Washington, the genesis of Operation Solomon was last October, when virtually all of Ethiopia's Jews had streamed to the capital, Addis Ababa. Roughly 2,000 were still in Gondar province, trapped behind rebel lines.

The Joint, Schneider recalls, went into high gear.

It immediately began distributing food and a monthly stipend of $62 (U.S.) for a family of four. Medical care was improved.

The result was that the death rate, among Jews, from malnutrition and disease dropped from an average 42 a month to three.

Nevertheless, Jews were crammed into squalid slums of huts and shacks. Most were unemployed.

The Joint helped set up a school on the Israeli embassy's compound. Some 4,000 children attended regularly.

Schneider said it was last fall when the Israeli mastermind behind the airlift, Uri Lubrani, first signalled the possibility of an airlift and told Jewish groups in the United States to co-ordinate a strategy.

What followed, Schneider told The CJN during a recent Toronto stop-over, was an unprecedented coming together of several North American groups, including the Joint, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and the Congress of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The leaders of those groups convinced U.S. National Security chief Brent Scowcroft to send Minnesota senator Rudy Boschwitz to Addis Ababa. Boschwitz carried a letter from President George Bush, asking Mengistu to allow an Israeli rescue.

Soon after, however, Mengistu fled the country and Bush sent another letter to the new rebel leaders, convincing them to delay their entry into the capital until after the Jews were safely out.

That proved to be the key, as everyone feared a breakdown in law and order after a rebel victory, and the possibility of a wholesale massacre of Jews.

By this time, Schneider said, the six JDC staffers in Addis Ababa were also in a rescue mode. They were provided with plenty of cash, which was used to buy aircraft fuel, food and to rent buses to take everyone to the landing strip. The buses were leased on the pretext they would be used to take children to the zoo. The staff also rehearsed assembling everyone at the Israeli embassy.

Israel was given 48 hours to complete the job. It was over in 27 hours.

"It was a shining example of ignoring each other's turf," says Schneider of the co-operation between the U.S. groups. "A successful bringing together of all these organizations doesn't happen very often."

The Joint, he added, is now helping in the absorption of the Ethiopians in Israel and is hoping Israel returns for those left behind: about 300 Jews in Addis Ababa, 2,000 to 3,000 in Gondar and about 3,000 converts to Christianity who claim they were once Jewish.

Now that the Ethiopian question is settled, Schneider says world Jewry's next concern should be Jews in Syria and Yemen.

Levy, U.S. deny deadlock

Peace process said continuing

WASHINGTON (JTA)
Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy emerged from talks last week with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker denying that the Middle East peace process is deadlocked, despite Israel's refusal to meet U.S. requests for flexibility on certain procedural issues.

"The process is not stuck," Levy told reporters after the meeting at the State Department, which lasted nearly two hours, about twice as long as scheduled.

But there was no indication from Levy or State Department officials that there had been any change on any of the issues that are dividing the United States and Israel.

Levy said the United States and Israel would remain in close consultations. He said he was assured that the United States would not surprise Israel with any new unacceptable proposals.

The State Department said that it does not consider the Middle East peace process to be over. Before the meeting, Baker told reporters that the United States will continue trying to bring about a peace conference as long as there is hope that such a meeting can be agreed upon.

The secretary assured a delegation of Jewish organizational leaders that he personally remained committed to the peace process.

Earlier in the day, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the peace process cannot be deadlocked, since Syrian President Hafez Assad has still not answered the letter President George Bush sent him requesting flexibility on plans to convene a peace conference.

Bush sent similar letters to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other Middle East leaders.

Tutwiler said Baker and Levy went over Shamir's response to the Bush letter. While the letter has not been officially made public, it is known that Shamir rejected U.S. proposals for having a U.N. observer at the peace conference and for reconvening it periodically after direct negotiations begin.

Both proposals were offered to appease Syria, which wants the conference to be under UN auspices. Tutwiler made a point of saying that these two issues were discussed, but did not reveal anything further.

In his letter, Shamir also insisted on Israel's right to veto anyone on the list of Palestinian delegates to peace talks, in order to prevent the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"Israel will not sit with those it does not want to sit down with," Levy said. "It will not be forced to sit with those it refuses to sit with."

The foreign minister said Israel has "a number of understandings" with the United States on this point, but added, "I do not intend to go into details."

Most observers here did not expect any changes on either side from the Levy-Baker meeting. It was widely believed that Levy was invited to Washington to hear Baker's views on the Shamir letter and take them back to his government in Jerusalem.

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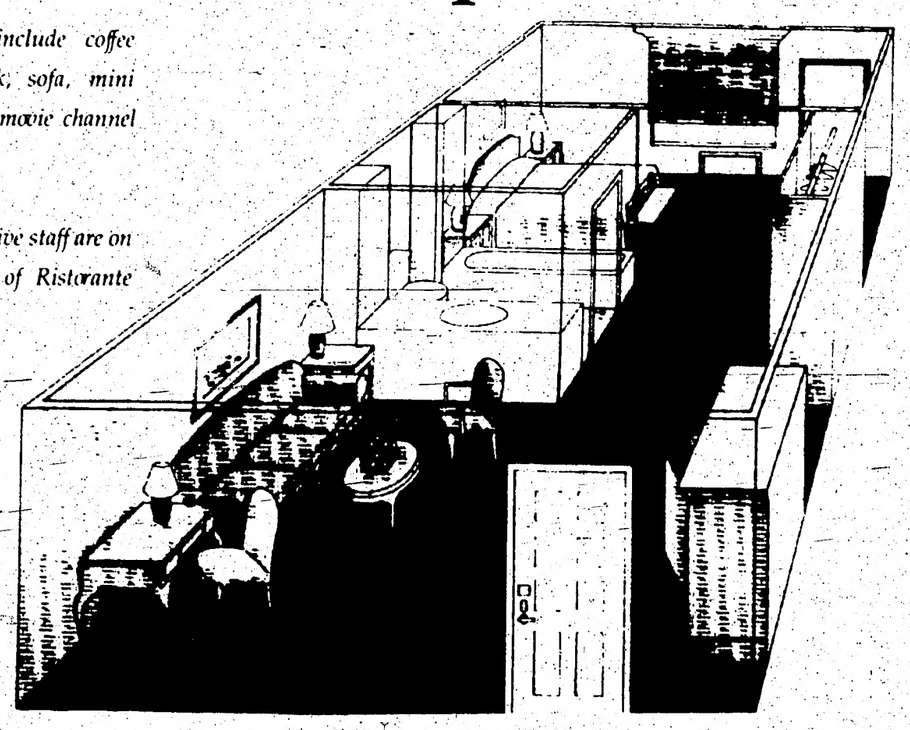

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Front Line

COMMENTARY

Despite rhetoric, things improving on world scene

To concentrate on issues closest to our hearts in detachment from the wider background, means to distort their full picture. We do not have to buy the overstated "New world order" slogan to notice, that, yes, things are somewhat improving on the world scene. Too much optimism as to the results would be exaggerated.

But to act on the assumption that nothing can change is equally wrong. The modest change is the growing perception, that if the general aim is tolerable coexistence, national interests can not be secured by the practice of national policies alone. It is not a natural aim. It should be helped to be one.

The classical example of a lesson learned at the cost of 50 million dead, is the developments in Europe after the Second World War. On a minor scale the Gulf War may have done the same for the nations of the Middle East. They have all been shaken by this war, peoples more than regimes, and although there is little evidence that they have come to their senses, the very fact that the area is one of major economic concern to the world, has prompted action to safeguard it from future explosions.

In the complicated regional maze, the Arab-Israeli conflict is by no means the central issue, but it was appropriate to focus on it in a serious attempt to ease it, because this may, after all, succeed. The unconfessed name of the game at present, is easing, not solving the conflict, whatever the more ambitious terminology used may want us to believe.

The Middle East is no longer a playground for superpower rivalry. The main obstacle for international relaxation — and the most loyal ally of all the lovers of the status quo everywhere — the Cold War — is over, or, at least in remission. The world is not as reliably bi-polar as it was. To play one superpower against the other is no longer possible. There is no serious competition today for world hegemony between the two traditional contenders.

Yeshayahu Anug

The Soviet Union is now a paralysed military golem in need of rescue and can expect help, if at all, only from the West, whose democratic institutions previous Soviet leaders have done their utmost to undermine. True, their huge nuclear arsenal is still intact, but would become a serious threat only if the present regime were to be violently overthrown by a despotic one.

This is also the main reason why the West shall have no choice and will, however reluctantly, help Mikhail Gorbachev or any reasonable successor maintain the present course, however unsatisfactory.

While democratic change in the Soviet Union is undoubtedly the first prerequisite for international coexistence, it is also important to look at the other two areas, which in the past have generated the bloodiest conflagrations in human history: Europe and the Far East. The European example — the present seen against the background of the past — should fire the imagination of all those in and outside the Middle East, who think about their future. As we have seen, Europe is now prospering and on the way of becoming a united giant.

It has also had the unexpected good fortune of escaping the much feared economic supremacy of Germany, with unpredictable long-range consequences. That country will now be deeply engaged in financially coping with the enormous costs of unification and with her commitments to the countries of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

In the Far East, the not so negligible threat of rising Japan is becoming somewhat mitigated by a growing, albeit hesitant, awareness in that country, that the world is an interdependent place, not endlessly disposed to accept the excesses and methods of ruthless economic imperialism. A situation to be watched.

While the dominating factor in world affairs is economic performance, the Americans are traditional leaders, but not champions at home. Nevertheless, they are the only world power in command of a unique set of faculties, which qualify for world leadership. This was demonstrated not only by their overall military and technological proficiency in the Gulf, but even more convincingly by their resolve to direct and perform a world role, when it mattered and for which there are no other candidates.

The U.S. role as the main arbiter in world affairs is now basically established and not effectively challenged. The Soviet Union will, maybe, continue to use the language of the superpower it was, bargain hard over the details of this or the other disarmament accord, but not seriously obstruct American designs. Europe and Japan will not dispute this new type of American leadership. If multilateral diplomacy will be practised by Washington with some consideration for the sensitivities of others, there will be continuous consultations and more effective cooperation.

So far then, one would say, so good, given the alternatives. But doubts about America's ability to perform the worldwide task successfully, will persist and tamper optimism, until proven. Thinking in this context about the Middle East, which is now the testing ground for American experimentation, one must, for the moment, reserve judgement. The flow of news following U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's visit, as well as the ensuing diplomatic exchanges — in part leaked to the press, offer no real clues for a prognosis, despite the impression of a looming crisis.

Speaking of Israeli positions, one can not tell if they have reached a point of no return, in which case internal and external repercussions are possible, or whether the recent reluctance to jump into the American speedboat was due to the rough conditions of the seas (and such they are), or to lack of reliance on the skipper, who may now have to come up with another scheme. One thing is pretty clear. Yitzhak Shamir's coalition is not taking risks. But the bargaining will continue.

OBITUARY

Canada mourns death of a towering figure

Sen. David Croll championed poor, disadvantaged

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

As elder statesmen go, David Croll had no equal.

And it would be a cliche to say he was Canada's social conscience for the better part of this century, but, like some cliches, its true.

Trailblazer, reformer and dean of Canadian parliamentarians, Croll was all these. His death last week at the age of 91 was, at least for the Jewish community, the loss of a towering figure.

Eulogized at his funeral by Rabbi Gunther Plaut as "a man fuelled by a central source of energy, an authentic social passion," Croll had a hand in virtually every piece of important social legislation passed in Canada over the past 60 years. Through good times and bad, he never waivered in his belief that a strong nation cares about its poor and disadvantaged.

"We've lost a great man," Liberal leader Jean Chretien remarked to reporters following the funeral. "He was my advisor. He would say, 'Let's take care of the little people. The big people can take care of themselves'."

The Liberal heavyweights, like Herb Gray, Paul Hellyer and much of the Senate, also came to pay their respects, for if anything, David Croll was respected.

He won that respect the hard way. As the first Jewish mayor of a Canadian city, the first Jewish cabinet minister and the first Jewish senator, Croll knew what going uphill was like. But he did it, and with great gusto to boot. On the last day of his long life, he worked an 11-hour day.

David Arnold Croll was born March 12, 1900 in a shtetl called Teterina, within the Pale of Settlement, about 320 kilometers east of Minsk. His parents, Hillel and Minka, worked the land and the family, then composed of David and two younger brothers, Leo and Samuel, was able to live fairly decently.

Shortly after David's birth, Minka's older brother, Nathan, a *melamed*, immigrated to New York and opened an apparel store. The store grew into a chain, Cherniak and Company Ltd., which extended to Hamilton, London and Windsor. Nathan was able to save enough money to bring over the rest of the clan.

But David Croll's father resisted at first. Hillel Croll, a cattle buyer, was a patriotic Russian and he enlisted to fight in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. After the conflict, however, his future looked bleak, and he and his family made the voyage to the New World.

The Crolls arrived in Detroit in 1906. The story, perhaps apocryphal, has it that Hillel Croll, an observant Jew, went across the river to Windsor one Friday evening. As Shabbat was near, he was unable to return to Detroit and stayed with his in-laws. Prefering the Canadian side of the frontier, Hillel sent for his family and they settled in Windsor.

The city had a small Jewish population — about 200. That depressed Hillel, who wanted to return to Russia to practice his Judaism. But Minka would have none of it. Hillel joined the Orthodox Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, then at Mercer and Brant streets, and his greatest preoccupation became the study of Torah.

Hillel returned to the cattle trade and the family opened a grocery store, while David, the eldest, sold newspapers. In the mornings, he hawked *The Detroit Free Press* to Windsor workers going across the border and in the afternoon, he sold *The Windsor Record*. He picked up extra money by shining shoes. And like most Jewish boys everywhere, he attended *cheder*.

Croll's first exposure to politics came in 1911, when he heard Liberal Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier speak in Windsor on reciprocity with the United States. His father had supported the Liberals, but the Grits went down to defeat that year and Croll's interest in politics was not to be rekindled until 1919, when the new Liberal leader, Mackenzie King, offered a fresh approach. By this time, Croll and a friend had opened a magazine stand so successful that its profits paid his way through law school in Toronto.

After admission to the bar in 1925, Croll returned to Windsor to practice law and became secretary of the local Liberal association. Fulltime politics beckoned and in 1930, he ran for mayor, and won, becoming the first Jewish mayor and the youngest mayor of any Canadian city at the time.

Croll's euphoria soon gave way to hard reality. These were the worst of times, with the Depression hitting Windsor's auto industry like a sledgehammer. Because of the economy, Canadians were barred from working across the border, and the city's welfare rolls swelled. Croll's choice was either bankrupting the city or watching people go hungry. So Windsor went broke, and as he would later say, "I didn't give a damn."

Perhaps it was that refreshing candor, as well as sweeping changes he'd made to relief and welfare, that led Croll to re-election as mayor in 1932. But two years later, a call came from his friend, Ontario Premier Mitch Hepburn, asking him to run provincially.

Croll was elected to the seat of Windsor-Walkerville with a comfortable majority and immediately, Hepburn gave him three cabinet portfolios: welfare, municipal affairs and labor. Hepburn's advisors told him it would be political suicide to appoint a Jew to these posts, but the Premier took a chance.

Croll remained in the cabinet until 1937, when labor troubles at General Motors put him on a collision course with the premier. Workers at the auto giant wanted to unionize and when Croll introduced the legislation, Hepburn supported the company and asked for Croll's resignation. Croll quit and wrote his now-famous letter, in which he said his place "is marching with the workers rather than riding with General Motors." Croll retained his seat and served as mayor of Windsor for another term.

When the Second World War came, Croll was 39 years old. With his age and status, he could easily have received a commission. It was understood that Jews didn't become soldiers; they went into the Service Corps. Not Croll. "I represented the Jewish element in Canada and I felt it was time for somebody to set an example," he would later say. So he enlisted as a private, served in tanks across Europe for a year, then took a commission and rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the military government of Holland.

After the war, Mackenzie King asked Croll to run federally, which he did, winning the Jewish working class riding of Spadina in 1945. He was the only Jew in Parliament but that didn't stop him from lobbying hard for Canadian support of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. He visited the new Jewish state in September, 1948, meeting David Ben-Gurion and the chief rabbi of Jerusalem. Despite Croll's intense lobbying, Canada did not accord Israel official recognition until December, 1948, seven months after independence.

Meanwhile, Croll had high hopes of becom-

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Editorial/Letters

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A checklist for Japan

Japan's foreign minister, Taro Nakayama, was in Israel recently, trying, presumably, to improve Tokyo's relationship with the Jewish state. We applaud his efforts, but if the Japanese government really means business, it can start by addressing several key issues which gnaw at their relations.

Not surprisingly, given Japan's status as an economic powerhouse, all deal with commercial matters.

First of all, Japan should be more forceful in opposing the Arab economic boycott directed at Israel, a slap in the face of free trade, a concept supported by Tokyo. Since Japanese companies invariably take their cue from the government, it is incumbent on Japan to promote an anti-boycott climate, which it has shied away from in the past.

Secondly, Japan should increase and diversify its trade with Israel. It can send a signal of its intentions by posting a trade attache to its embassy in Tel Aviv.

Thirdly, Japan should offer government guarantees to Japanese banking houses willing to extend lines of credit to Israeli banks. That, too, would enhance trade.

Fourthly, Japan ought to encourage Japanese investment in Israel, directly or through joint ventures. The Israeli economy, though currently in recession, has immense potential, and normally astute Japanese businessmen would be wise to explore the opportunities.

Last but not least, Japan Air Lines and El Al should be flying to Lod and Tokyo, respectively. The Japanese have let it be known that they favor the prospect of direct air links, but the matter has been allowed to wither. Now would be a good time to resucitate it.

Taken together, these measures, if enacted, would prove beyond any doubt that Japan is seriously interested in normalizing its relations with Israel. Such ties are in Japan's national interest. If Japan wants to play a meaningful role in international politics, as we assume it does, it can no longer pretend that Israel is a marginal player in the Middle East. Japan should draw the appropriate conclusions and get on with the task of upgrading its links with Israel.

Lords' bypassed

Forty-six years after the end of the Second World War the British government has finally passed legislation which enables the courts to arraign suspected Nazi war criminals.

The mother of parliaments took this step belatedly — Canada has had such a statute for several years — after protracted debate and the invocation of the rarely used 1911 Parliament Act to neutralize the opposition of the House of Lords.

The act in question permitted the government of Prime Minister John Major (who apparently was personally unsympathetic to the bill) to force the legislation through without any further debate. It is interesting to note the additional irony, that opposition to the legislation in the House of Lords was led by Lord Shawcross, the chief British prosecutor at the Nazi War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg in 1946-47.

Members of the House of Commons who originally passed the War Crimes Bill are on the whole younger than their colleagues in the House of Lords, many of whom personally witnessed Nazi barbarism in Europe.

Paradoxically, it was the younger members of the Commons who demonstrated a better understanding than their colleagues in the House of Lords of the elementary principle that there can never be a statute of limitations on murder.

The question of pursuing alleged Nazi war criminals in Britain is not a theoretical one. It has been reported that Scotland Yard has already assembled dossiers on three men thought likely to be the targets of the new law who came to Britain after 1945 from the Baltic states and the Ukraine.

Their presence in Britain first came to light in the mid 1980s. The English Jewish community has been active in lobbying for the passage of the War Crimes Bill.

Despite its lateness, the decision taken by the House of Commons to prosecute alleged Nazi War criminals is a commendable one. It is based on the idea that some crimes are so odious that even a half century later people must answer for their role in perpetrating them.

If the evidence is weak or faulty the courts will be the final arbiter. It is unlikely, moreover, that anyone in Britain would be brought to trial under the new act if the evidence was lacking.

A society which ignores the presence in its midst of mass murderers devalues the concept of life itself. The court of public opinion demands the prosecution of those who not only devalued the life of their victims but shamefully, and in unspeakable ways, deprived them of it.

TO THE EDITOR:

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WHO SPEAKS FOR POLISH JEWRY?

I was amazed by the column of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut (CJN — May 9), entitled Socialist View of Polish Jews Now Seems Anachronistic, based on an article by William Zukerman written in 1943. Rabbi Plaut describes the author as a socialist and a well known figure among Bundists in Eastern Europe.

There are almost no Jews in Poland now and there is no "Bund" there. They were silenced forever by the Nazis in the gas chambers or mass murdered in the ghettos.

How then does one measure the sentiments of Polish Jews almost 50-years after their demise?

How did the rabbi conclude that their socialist views now seem anachronistic?

The "Bund" always believed that the very existence of the Jewish people everywhere is bound to the forces of freedom and social justice.

This view is surely no less valid today. Our future cannot be safeguarded by ourselves and certainly not in isolation. Prior to the Second World War, the "Bund" became the dominant force and spokesman for the over three million Polish Jews, not only because of its commitment to socialism as the only solution to the existing ills and injustices, but also for its constant dedication to the efforts for achieving equal rights for Polish Jewry.

Does Rabbi Plaut suggest that the Jews in Poland were misled by anachronistic views of socialists who considered them to be full fledged citizens in their homeland?

The struggle between the Bundist and Zionist ideologies pertaining to the question of Diaspora versus Palestine, is continuing among world Jewry. Millions of Jews in the United States, Canada and other democratic countries consider them their homeland, and hardly show any desire to abandon the Diaspora 43 years after the creation of the State of Israel. This is a well documented fact and Rabbi Plaut is no doubt aware of it.

Does their attitude to and feelings for their homeland deserve being defined as an aberration or anachronistic, as Rabbi Plaut did analysing the same problem in respect to Polish Jews? To say the least it is unfair and unjustified.

The "Bund" believes that in order to achieve social justice, respect for human rights for everyone, the Jewish people included, a common struggle is as realistic and necessary today as it ever was.

M. Rosenberg
Toronto

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LET SOVIET JEWS INTO CANADA

I sincerely hope that the passage of the Soviet Union's new immigration bill turns out to be a positive commitment to the Soviet Union's adherence to basic human rights.

For years those of us concerned with the plight of Soviet Jewry have complained over and over again that the Soviet Union ignored its international treaties and its internal laws in denying the right to emigrate.

It is unclear if the bill will be retroactive and will assist those Soviet Jews who are still denied the right to leave because they possess alleged state secrets or are not able to obtain needed consents from elderly parents who for a variety of reasons arbitrarily withhold permission.

It seems that Soviet authorities can thwart a legitimate desire to emigrate by drafting a young man into the military and then after he has served his term contend that for another five years, even though he was a lowly foot soldier, he possesses state secrets.

On a positive note the new legislation will provide access to a court of law where the validity of possessing classified information can be challenged.

All in all the passage of the bill is to be applauded and my organization will continue to monitor Soviet compliance as it has in the past.

It is incumbent on Canada to reassess its quotas on Soviet Jews so as to accommodate their desire to immigrate to Canada in conjunction with the Soviets allowing them to do so.

Bert Raphael, Chairman
Canadian Lawyers & Jurists for Soviet Jewry
Toronto

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Ethiopian Jews, such as these immigrants, abhor being called falshas.

BETA YISRAEL NOT FALASHAS

Now that Ethiopian Jews have been, thank God, airlifted en masse to Israel, I would like to remind readers that the Ethiopian Jews abhor being called "falashas."

This term, which means "stranger," is used by non-Jewish Ethiopians to insult them and is thus viewed by the Ethiopian Jews as a most derogatory name.

The Jews from Ethiopia refer to themselves as "Beta Yisrael," which means House of Israel, and they wish to be known as such. In addition, they consider themselves the offspring of the union between King Solomon and Makeda, Queen of Sheba.

This, as well as a heart-rending account of their sufferings in and flight out of Ethiopia, can be found in Sonia Levitin's book *The Return*.

Margalit van Bergen
Toronto

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CORRECTION

I wish to extend my apology for the unfortunate and inadvertent error in the May 30 Yiddish column.

The family name of Sholem Aleichem was Sholem Rabinowitch, not Abramovitch.

S. Lipshitz
Toronto

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VIDEO GAMES

I would like to share with you my outrage over the news that video games which dehumanize Jews and Turks have surfaced in Germany and Austria. It is even more upsetting to learn that these video games may originate in Canada. Please rest assured that I will push the federal government to investigate this situation.

The solicitor general has been asked what action he has taken in verifying the possibility that the video games are manufactured in Canada. I have also asked the minister responsible for customs and excise what action has been taken to monitor the possible importation of these vicious games into Canada.

The fact that these games are aimed at young people is reprehensible. Canada is committed to instilling open and pluralistic values in our youth. It is clear to me that these games are intended to promote hatred against Jews and Turks. You may rest assured that I will do all in my power to make sure these games are not available in this country.

Shirley Maheu, MP
Saint-Laurent-Cartierville
Montreal

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BEWILDERED MASSES

The response to Frank Rasky's argument with the artistic leadership of the Leah Posluns Theatre is well-aimed but, like the production company itself, rather hopeless. A one person operation which has remained unchanged for lo these many, many seasons is doubtlessly tired, bereft of vision and, frankly, ready for an extended rest.

Now I hasten to add that I don't envy anyone this theatre's mandate, for similar groups, largely in the United States, spend the bulk of their time hunting for and developing worthy projects. The supply is limited and the temptation to rehash the tried all too appealing. Yet there are companies that succeed to a degree that makes this Toronto enterprise appear sadly provincial and void of passion. And if Jewish theatre, whether in its themes or by its authors' intentions, is about anything, it is about passion.

Mark Krause (CJN letters, May 30) was on the money when he referred to the power and size of the Toronto theatre-going audience and its Jewish representation. But until these people care enough to want their cultural voice heard and to want it heard in a specifically Jewish environment, then I'm afraid that Mr. Krause and the rest of us can get ready for an eventual replay of that great Jewish musical about Joseph and his many-colored coat or, even better, some never-was American "star" who has shleped her/his one-person show north of Sheppard to the thunderous bewilderment of the gathered masses.

Joel Greenberg
Toronto

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DOROHOI IN ROMANIA

I was approached by the Dorohoi organization in Israel to appeal to any people from that town and area who might have documents or artifacts to send them to the organization since they are putting together a Memorial Book in memory of the victims and for future generations.

(Doroboi is a town in Romania, in northern Moldavia, bordering Bukovina.)

At the same time they would welcome personal donations to help them with the publishing expenses. The address is David Shlomo, President, Organization Din Orasul Sijudetul Dorohoi, P.O. Box 134, Kiriat Bialik 27101, Israel.

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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SPERBER — BALABAN

The high-flying birds have yielded popular surnames in several languages:

English	German	Slavonic
Hawke	Sperber	Balaban
Falcon	Falke	Sokol
Eagle	Adler	Orlov

They have also given us place names:

Falconbridge — in Ontario.

Falkenberg — and Falkenstein — in both German and Austrian.

Sokolow — in Poland.

Balaban — in Bulgaria.

Opinion

More summer "goodies" from our ancient sources

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Thank you, my beloved readers for joining me once again for a feast of delicious "goodies" from Pirkei Avot, or "Peirik," as we called it, for many centuries in Eastern Europe, where Jewish children (actually only the young lads) willingly and joyfully went to the homes of their teachers on the Sabbath to learn (and not just to read) a portion of "Pirkei Avot."

As you also well know, I have taken the liberty of including in my Peirik columns words of wisdom from the mouths (or pens) of the Chassidic world. When quoting I sometimes offer morsels of wisdom from eminent modern Jewish scholars, leaders and spokespersons.

And, I'll let you in on a secret: it takes me more time, much more time, to write these Peirik columns than it does to fashion the regular columns of every week. That is so because the ancient or relatively recent sources are so rich in golden nuggets that I am often at a loss which not to select for this year's Peirik gift to you.

But, let's not waste any more time; because as the Peirik teaches us; the day is short and the tasks are many and great. So, let's turn to our ancient sources. OK let's go!

The Peirik says:

• Rabbi Simon, the son of Eleazar said: "Do not appease thy fellow in the hour of his anger, and comfort him not in the hour when his dead lies before him, and question him not in the hour of his vow, and strive not to see him in the hour of his disgrace."

J.B. Salsberg

• Rabbi Hanina, the son of Dosa, said: "He with whom the spirit of men is pleased, the spirit of God is pleased; and he with whom the spirit of men is not pleased, the spirit of God is not pleased."

• Ben Zoma said: "Who is wise? He that learns from every man." (And I, your humble scribe, would like to add; "and from every woman.")

• Ben Zoma also said: "Who is mighty? He that subdues his passions, as it is said, 'He that is slow in anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city.' "

• Ben Zoma further said: "Who is rich? He who rejoices in his portion."

And now, my dear readers, since time and space compel everyone to restrict himself, I feel obliged to close the book of Pirkei Avot for one week and hope to return to it then. For the rest of this week's joyous engagement we shall turn to the golden treasures left behind by the great and near-great of the Chassidic and secular sectors of the Jewish spiritual and ideological firmaments.

As most readers of this column surely know by now, I have a "soft spot" for Kotzk. Kotzk is only the name of a small town in Eastern Europe. One of scores of such towns. But it was the home of the truly great, philosopher-prince of Chassidism, Reb Menachem Mendel, and therefore, known in Yiddish as "Der Kotzker."

So here are some nuggets from the Kotzker legacy.

• Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk once asked his disciple, Rabbi Yaakov of Radzimin: "Yaakov, to what purpose was man created?" And Rabbi Yaakov answered, "so that he might perfect his soul."

"Yaakov," said the tzadik, "is that what we learned from our teacher, Rabbi Bunam? No, indeed! Man was created so that he might lift up the Heavens."

• Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk said to his disciples: "The souls descended from the realms of Heaven to earth on a ladder. Then it was taken away. Now up there they are calling the souls home. Some do not budge from the spot, for how can one get to Heaven without a ladder? Others leap and fall and leap again and give up. But there are others who know very well that they cannot make it, but try over and over again until God catches hold of them and pulls them up."

• A man came to the rabbi of Kotzk and told him of his troubles. "People call me a bigot," he said. "What kind of an infirmity are they ascribing to me? Why a bigot? Why not a pious man?" A bigot, the rabbi answered him, converts the main issue in piety into a side issue and a side issue into the main issue.

• This is what the rabbi of Kotzk said about the words of Solomon: "He that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." A man, said the Kotzker, should increase his knowledge, even though by so doing "he will inevitably increase his sorrow."

Well, enough already with such thought-provoking quotations in the summertime, and at one sitting!

So take a rest.

But return, please, next week for more.

You will return, won't you?

Jewish values, culture fall by wayside in Hollywood

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The lead article in the spring edition of *Judaism* is called Jackie Mason's World According to Hollywood. (The title refers to Jackie Mason's one-man Broadway production, Jackie Mason's The World According to Me. *Judaism* is a most thoughtful magazine which, different from others, accommodates long studies. It has been around for 40 years and is published by American Jewish Congress.)

The article which attracted my interest deals with a well-known subject: why Hollywood, as well as the TV industry, rarely know of a straightforward Jewish romance? The romance of a Jew must involve a Christian. As Patricia Erens wrote in *The Jew in American Cinema*: "For Hollywood, tolerance means marrying your neighbor, not accepting him as different."

The article in *Judaism* is written by Robert Jancu, and is incisive and disturbing. Jancu begins by giving us the recipe for Jackie Mason's short-lived program called *Chicken Soup*. Although the program flopped, the reason was not that the depiction of interfaith dating on television was untried and controversial.

Rather, writes Jancu, "the converse is true. Almost without exception Jews depicted on TV and in the cinema date and marry gentiles. Apparently Hollywood finds inter-religious romance less risky than romance between two Jewish characters. Hollywood's unwritten prohibition against Jewish pairings — rather than its putative reservations about depicting interfaith romance — is the issue which should concern both Hollywood and the Jewish community."

Rabbi Plaut

TV history is replete with examples of interfaith couples, such as *Bridget Loves Bernie, Welcome Back Kotter, Cheers, LA Law, thirtysomething*, and *Roseanne*. Then there are the interfaith sideshows. For instance, says a former producer of the show, *Dear John*: "Judd Hirsch tries, along with his Christian ex-wife, to get their child enrolled in a Christian school, in order to make sure that people would see it as a mixed marriage."

What is true for television is true also for the cinema. Amongst recent productions, look at *Broadcast News, Chariots of Fire, Sophie's Choice, The Big Chill* and of course, all the adventures and misadventures of Woody Allen's stereotyped shlemiel.

You will point out that there are also movies which do depict Jews in happy marriages and which do not cross the line. Isn't there *Yentl*, or *Fiddler on the Roof*? Jancu calls attention to the fact that these portray not the living North American reality but a culture that once was, and which is brought to us as sentimental memory.

As for Holocaust films, they depict Jewish families, to be sure, but only as part of a Jewish culture in the process of dying. "This fits with the sharp dichotomy in TV series and films between Jewishness as moribund baggage of the Old World, better left on the docks at Ellis Island, and assimilation as a new lease on life."

Jancu lays this whole development at the door of the original film moguls who, in Neal Gabler's words, "invented Hollywood." They were enormously inventive and successful entrepreneurs, but basically insecure. They had immigrated from the old country and never forgot their pariah status in Europe. In pioneering the film industry they could fantasize their vision of America. Being accepted and crossing the line was a passion with them, and the films they produced — as well as the lives they lived themselves — give a testimony to this near-desperate urge.

According to Jancu, Shmuel Gelbfisz deserted his Chassidic family in Warsaw and in the United States he changed his name to Sam Goldwyn, married a gentile and baptized their child. Many other moguls such as Mayer, Selznick, Harry Cohn, Otto Preminger, and Jack Warner, divorced their Jewish wives and married gentiles. "Therefore it was hardly accidental that Al Jolson's *The Jazz Singer* was a film about a Jew renouncing his people and religion to succeed in the entertainment world and who in the process married a Christian women."

Of course there are exceptions, among them *Marjorie Morningstar* and *Goodbye Columbus*. But here, the intraJewish relationships were depicted as destructive, and the Jewish home, and Jewish mother especially, were shown as denigrating the so-called "nice" values of society at large.

In sum, the very success which Jews have had in the TV industry and in films has also accentuated their basic insecurity. Perhaps that is part of the price that Jews have paid in the Diaspora. According to Patricia Erens, "it is unfortunate that there are no dramas about contemporary Jewish life that treat Judaism as a viable and positive force. Those films which deal with it in any overt way tend to be comedies that trivialize and ridicule Jewish customs in a self-conscious manner."

Perhaps, she concludes, what these people are really doing is exhibiting a form of Jewish anti-Semitism. That may seem as an extreme judgment, but if one studies the enormous array of materials assembled by Jancu, one suspects that something of this sort is indeed at play.

We should get married, but who would have us?

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

In these trying times, we attempt to enter every new experience with as much preparation as possible. We have become cautious about jumping off the ends of diving boards without checking the water levels. Kids take home ec to learn how to cook, drivers' ed to learn how to drive and sex ed to learn how not to . . . well, you get the idea.

However, it strikes me that there is no apt preparation for the biggest decision in most lifetimes: choosing a spouse. The questions we ask beforehand rarely turn out to have covered the really relevant issues.

Generally, couples decide to marry in the midst of romance, a befogging experience. The most levelheaded, most adult, couples probably do pause somewhere after love and before marriage to consider common concerns, habits, finances, religious attitudes and thoughts on child raising, but it rarely goes beyond that, at least not with people under 30 marrying for the first time. Grownups and repeaters may be more wary. And, as anyone married for any length of time can tell you, those things are just the jumping off points.

Having never chosen a wife, I can't offer much guidance in that realm, though I suppose the following concerns have some gender neutrality, or at least a flip side wife-choosers could consider.

I should note, out of self-preservation, that I offer these points on husband-choosing with the comforting sense that I lucked out. The life of a columnist's husband isn t always comfortable, but one keeps it as comfortable as possible. If I'd known to give my fiance this particular exam a dozen years ago, he'd have passed with flying colors. I might not have made the grade myself, but that's a different matter.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Once major life traits are considered on the road to getting married, some minor traits should be tallied up as well. Just ask:

• Who's going to do the chores? I don't mean, will he help with the house and the dishes and take out the trash and the recycle bins. That's serious. I mean will he take over some area of constant nuisance and keep it? For instance, will he begin by coping with the cars, and just do it forever: from inspection stickers to licence renewals to carburetors. My relationship with my car extends to buying it, driving it and putting gas in it. He does the rest. (There is a quid pro quo here, in that I seem to be the permanent chairwoman of food procurement and preparation, but it's worth it.)

• Do you share the same internal clock: will you be forever early to his late, or late to his early? Will you rush for planes he believes will wait at the gate? Are you the first at the party? Is he the last?

• Did his Mom raise him with the same manners your Mom raised you with? You'll be amazed how often etiquette comes up. I phoned an acquaintance last week and her husband answered the phone like this: "Yo?" If I were her, I would have wanted to know that he was going to do that before I married him. I might have reconsidered.

• Do you share the same spending habits? This is not a financial management question: long-range investments are much easier to agree upon than short-range splurges. This is a matter of setting a marital tipping policy that doesn't leave you forever sneaking back to the table to hide another dollar under the coffee cup. This is a question of being able to buy six boxes of cookies — just because the Girl Scout is so appealing and the chocolate mints sound so wonderful and, after all, the cookies are kosher — without having to hold a summit meeting on the budget first. This is a question of occasionally buying one small jar of caviar instead of three big jars of peanut butter.

Prospective husband-choosers also need to consider that they are chosing a future father, not only of a cuddly infant, but of an exasperating four-year-old, a shy seven-year-old, a pirate of a nine-year-old. What kind of father will he make? Just ask:

• How does he feel about sustained heavy lifting? Can he heft a 40-pound second-grader while a 35-pound kindergartener is pulling on his elbow and a baby is gnawing on his knee?

• Is he quick: can he get two pails of dirty diapers down the stairs and out to the curb before the diaper service man starts his truck up again and disappears.

• Is he squeamish: when the baby needs immediate changing and the preschooler is turning green and bilious, which kid will he take (which one will he leave with you)? And who will the third kid spill his buttermilk upon shortly thereafter?

• Is he dedicated to the long run: it is one thing to clean up after a puppy, hush his midnight barking and run him to the vet for dipping. It is another thing to be willing and cheerful about the same repetitive task with a six-year-old dog who seems determined to nurture fleas, to vent her noisy nocturnal spleen on every passing cat and to select shedding as her primary activity. This line of questioning applies to children, too; it is just more daunting.

Of course, all these questions just barely scratch the surface.

There is nothing more daily than marriage, except parenting, and petty issues do accumulate when they are left to stack up week after week. So, if I were to pick any minor qualifying question as the most critical, it would be, does he have a sense of humor?

Do things hit him as funny before they hit him as annoying? If you both can laugh, you can avoid stacking up irritants. If you both can laugh, you own a great long-range lubricant. When life gets crazy, when there is too much company and too much clutter, when the tires go flat and the supper is scorched, when the kids are mutinous and the dog eats the portable phone, you can look at each other over the fray, share a fond rueful grin full of acknowledgement and long-range perspective, and you can laugh.

Yo.

Features

"The young are moving away"

Singapore community has dwindled

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

"I'm worried about the community," Jacob (Jack) Ballas confesses.

Ballas, 70, is referring to Singapore's venerable Jewish community, which has been inextricably associated with this former British crown colony since its earliest days.

"I don't know whether it'll grow or whether it'll wither," says Ballas, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, the community's governing body.

"It's a big question mark."

There were never a lot of Jews in Singapore, now an independent nation lying at the tip of the Malay peninsula and at the crossroads of Southeast Asia. On the eve of the Second World War, Singapore was home to about 2,000 Jews, mainly of Sephardi origin, compared to only some 250 today.

According to Benad Avital, the Israeli ambassador, the community is in a state of slow decline, like all Jewish communities in remote places. "The young are moving away."

Ballas, a businessman, tends to agree with his assessment. "We have too few people. Some of our children can't find spouses, and leave."

The decline, he acknowledges, began after the Second World War, when Jews who had lived through the harsh Japanese occupation packed up and left for presumably greener pastures in Australia, the United States and Israel. Most of the emigres settled in Sydney, Los Angeles and Tiberias, says Ballas, a bachelor who cares for his ailing 90-year-old mother, Grace.

Nevertheless, the community is well organized and disproportionately important.

It is served by two synagogues — Maghain Aboth, opened in 1878 and currently being renovated, and Chased-El, inaugurated in 1904 — and one Moroccan-born rabbi.

The Menorah Club is both a community centre and a Sunday school for approximately 12 students. On Saturdays, the rabbi conducts Torah classes for adults.

The Abdullah Shooker Home for the aged, which was recently refurbished, has eight residents. The community also looks after 32 elderly people living at home, and provides medical care and food for those in need.

The old Jewish cemetery was expropriated to make way for a rapid transit system. The remains were interred in new ground supplied by the government.

The community, which is quite observant, imports kosher meat from the United States and matzoh from Israel.

It is Zionist-oriented, although aliya is practically non-existent. "This community identifies rather strongly with Israel," says Avital. "Many have a home in Israel." Last year, Singapore Jewry raised about $200,000 for Israel.

Thanks to several trust funds, it is not short of communal funds.

Its members have contributed mightily to Singapore society, prompting Ballas to remark: "Our influence is out of all proportion to our numbers. In fact, many people in Singapore, when asked how many Jews live here, think there are thousands."

For example:

•David Marshall, now in his 80s, was first chief minister in the mid-1950s. Today, he is Singapore's ambassador to France, Spain and Portugal.

•Joseph Grimberg is a High Court judge.

•Harry Elias, a prominent lawyer, was president of the Law Society.

Ballas, a former stockbroker and presently deputy chairman of the 5-star Shangri-La Hotel, headed the Singapore and Malaya Stock Exchange from 1962 to 1967.

The majority of Singapore Jews are of Iraqi origin, but Ashkenazi settlers from Britain, Holland, Germany, China and Russia arrived to join them.

The first Jewish settlers came from Baghdad shortly after Sir Stamford Raffles founded Singapore as a British trading station in 1819.

They engaged in the spice trade, traded in textiles and carpets and developed real estate. But they found themselves at an immediate disadvantage in competing with Chinese businessmen — who worked longer hours, who took no time off to observe the sabbath and who were spared the expense of buying kosher meat. In general, Baghdadi Jews spoke Arabic and French, while Iraqi Jews who came by way of India used Hindustani as their second language.

For more than a generation after their arrival, the Iraqi Jewish settlers were Oriental in appearance. Men wore long buttoned vests, long top coats and fezes or turbans. Women wore loose white dresses with lace collars and long sleeves trimmed with lace.

The richest Jew of the day was Manasseh Meyer, who was later knighted and who built Chased-El. Born in Iraq and educated in India, Meyer grew fabulously wealthy in the import-export trade.

In his day, the community was riven by class divisions. In *The History of Jews in Singapore, 1830-1945*, Eze Nathan writes that in the synagogue, the wealthy congregated on the left of the bimah, the shopkeepers and the small merchants on the right and the poor behind.

Ballas, who was brought to Singapore from Iraq at the age of two, says that the British exploited these rifts. "Wealthy Jews who hobnobbed with the British were considered 'Europeans,' while poor Jews were considered 'Asiatics.' There was a great social distance between the two groups."

The worst period for the Jews of Singapore was during the 1942-1945 Japanese occupation, when hundreds were interned along with other prisoners of war. But the Japanese were not anti-Semitic, notes Ballas. They were merely brutal.

In his estimation, Jews in Singapore have never been troubled by anti-Semitism.

"We have had no racial problems. Our relationships with the Chinese, Malays, Arabs, Indians and the others have been good. We're so few that we really don't count."

Maghain Aboth Synagogue

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's so far futile attempts to convene a regional Middle East peace conference has created serious rifts within Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government.

The lead players in the unfolding drama are Foreign Minister David Levy and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, who, as recently as two years ago, formed a rejectionist faction within the cabinet as they blasted Shamir's still-to-be-implemented peace plan.

Bit players include Likud's coalition partners, Tehiya, Tsomet and Moledet, which espouse policies to the right of Likud, and Shamir's hawkish senior aide, Yossi Ben-Aharon.

Shamir, who has conducted most of the talks with Baker, has made no real move to quell the internal differences, mindful of the fact that both Levy and Sharon command significant grassroots support in Likud ranks. By the same token, Shamir has resisted calls by Sharon to convene Likud's Central Committee to debate the issues tearing apart the party. Shamir probably fears that Sharon might get the better of him in a no-holds-barred floor fight over the sputtering peace process.

Levy and Sharon, who are widely perceived as rivals to succeed Shamir once he retires, do not disagree on the fundamentals, which is a point worth remembering. In line with Likud dogma, they do not favor territorial compromise; they turn thumbs down on a United Nations-sponsored international peace conference; they reject the idea of an independent Palestinian state in the territories; they adamantly oppose negotiations with the PLO.

Their disagreements, therefore, are of a tactical nature. In strategic terms, they are basically on the same wave length. But for now, they are hurling accusations at each other.

While Levy broadly hails Israel's acceptance of Washington's regional peace conference, which is meant to trigger immediate direct Arab-Israeli talks, Sharon regards it as a sinister plot designed to strip Israel of the territories.

Although he has a record of championing the establishment of settlements on the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights, Levy wants Israel to desist from such activity as long as the current peace process is in play.

Rifts in Likud

By contrast, Sharon announces the creation of new settlements, claiming that they "contribute to peace" by "giving Israel the necessary security confidence it needs to begin negotiations."

Levy argues that Jordan, as the Arab neighbor with the longest common border with Israel, must be included in Arab-Israeli discussions. Sharon, however, has long maintained that Jordan is not only an anachronism, but "a Palestinian state." Last week, Shamir rejected that dreamy notion, asserting that he had no desire to see King Hussein replaced by Yasser Arafat. With his announcement, Shamir thereby aligned Likud with the position still adhered to by the Labor party, the so-called Jordanian option, which receded after Jordan severed administrative links with the West Bank in 1988.

Indirectly, Levy has clashed with Yossi Ben-Aharon, the head of the Prime Minister's Office. Last month, Levy described as a "sign of progress" the decision by Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf Arab states to send an observer to a regional peace conference. Ben-Aharon, doubtlessly reflecting Shamir's view, sourly said that it "contributes nothing to the peace process."

Meanwhile, Shamir has come under fire from Tehiya, Tsomet and Moledet, which have warned him that they will leave the government if he agrees to more than a single-session regional peace conference. They need not worry. Shamir is antagonistic to anything but a ceremonial starter conference. Yet their threat is evidence of the pressure exerted by the far right on Shamir — and Levy, who is marking his first anniversary as foreign minister.

Shamir is also the object of fierce criticism from Shimon Peres, the Labor party leader. Peres has accused Shamir of being disinterested in a peaceful accommodation with the Arabs. All his so-called plans, he charged, are nothing but camouflage for his rejectionism.

Strong words, these. But such is the tenor of political discourse in Israel these days.

Attention focused on converts

By
STEVEN KAPLAN

The decision to leave behind in Ethiopia between 2,000 and 3,000 converts of Jewish descent has focused attention on the little understood phenomenon of Ethiopians Christians. Given the common preference abroad today to equate the term Falasha (a derogatory word in the Ge'ez language meaning "exile") with Ethiopian Jews, the very idea of "Falasha Christians" appears as an oxymoron. Moreover, in light of the popular tendency to depict the Jews of Ethiopia as having cut themselves off as much as possible from all Christians, the concept appears problematic.

As in most cases involving Ethiopian Jews, when faced with complexity, commentators have been overeager to apply familiar labels from Ethiopian history to explain the situation in Ethiopia. Thus, we read and hear of "forced conversions," and Marranos in an attempt to explain away what is clearly viewed as a recent aberration. As usual, the reality of Ethiopian history is far more complex than such labels indicate.

Perhaps the only certainty about these converts is that the few thousand now found in the vicinity of the Israeli Embassy in Addis Ababa represent only a fraction of their total number. While a census of Ethiopian Jews conducted in 1976 estimated the number of "non-practising Falashas" as between 8,000 and 15,000, at least one researcher who has studied the problem put the number at 50,000.

The history of these converts, who are also known under a variety of names including falas moura or faras moura (converted Falasha), and Maryam Wodet (Lovers of Mary), is one of the major subtexts in the modern history of Ethiopian Jewry. It is only in the modern period, with the beginning of Western missionary activity in the country, that a recognizable community of "Falasha Christians" emerges.

Ethiopian Jews who were prominent forced to assimilate

Already in this first period, the circumstances of the converts display a number of characteristics which continue to hold true to this day. Contrary to what is often thought, neither coercion nor direct financial inducements appear to have played a major role in enticing Beta Israel to join the mission. The crucial factors were rather the offer of educational opportunities, social advancement and the possibility of gaining rights to own land.

Perhaps most important, despite communal ideals which dictated that such converts be excluded from the "Oritawi Falasha" (Tora "Falasha") community, many of them continue to retain their contacts with family members and even attend Jewish religious celebrations.

It was their continued ethnic identity, not any crypto-Judaism, which set them apart. Virtually any Ethiopian Jew who rose to a prominent position at the state, regional, or municipal level during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie, did so following a process of assimilation, if not necessarily formal conversion. Some also intermarried.

After the establishment of Israel, the relationship between the Ethiopian converts and their traditionalist brethren remained fluid.

As in earlier periods, moreover, they continued to be identified as "Falashas," regardless of their religious affiliation, and to enjoy regular contacts with their Jewish families and friends. So long as aliya to Israel remained only a dream for the Jews of Ethiopia, the benefits in assuming and maintaining a Christian identity were usually quite obvious. Indeed, in retrospect, it remains noteworthy that so many refused to do so for so long.

Events from 1977 onward, dramatically changed this situation. Already today, the number of Ethiopian Jews in Israel greatly exceeds the number identified as "practising" in 1976. High birthrates and previously overlooked villages not withstanding, this almost certainly reflects a significant degree of re-identification by lapsed members. *(JPFS)*

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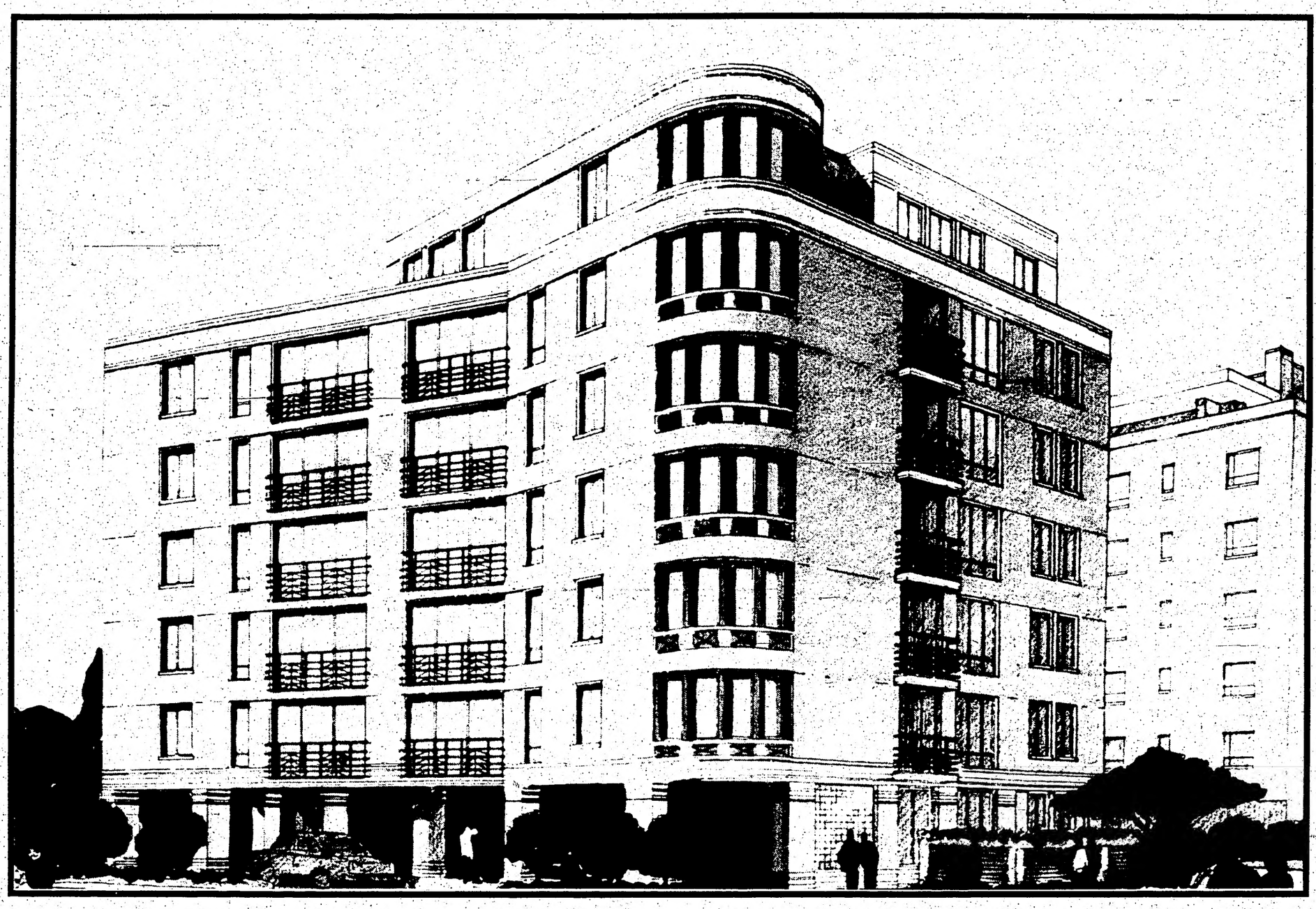

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Former CJN editor recalls friend

Dave Croll was a powerful speaker, a true fighter

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

It was with great sadness that I heard that Dave Croll, Canada's first Jewish senator, had died.

It was my great privilege to serve Dave as an assistant and sometimes-speech writer during his final election campaign for a seat in the House of Commons, in the early '50s.

I was recommended for the job by CJN writer Ben Rose, who was then working at the Toronto Star. Although I was employed at Maclean Hunter and we were not supposed to be involved in politics in any way, I got special dispensation to work for Dave — after regular working hours — because a senior Maclean Hunter official told me that "Dave deserves to be re-elected."

Dave didn't have to campaign in his own riding of Toronto Spadina. Rather, we spent most of the campaign in constituencies outside of Toronto — almost anywhere we could reach within a couple of hours driving. Dave was tremendously popular in Ontario and Liberal candidates besieged him with invitations to speak because they knew he could draw big crowds.

Dave good naturedly accepted as many invitations as he could handle. We would set out for a riding at about 7 p.m., Dave would speak at 8 or 8:30 and then we'd return to Toronto by midnight — tired but exhilarated by the warm reception he had received. This kept up for almost a month.

Although he was a comparatively little guy, Dave was a powerful speaker with a booming voice. I think he could convince everybody about anything, he was such a spellbinder. There's no doubt in my mind that he could have won any Ontario riding, had he decided not to run in the traditional "Jewish" riding of Spadina.

During our drives to and from meetings, Dave often reminisced about his political career. He was proud of the role he played in the Ontario cabinet, especially as the legal guardian of the famed Dionne quintuplets. And he enjoyed the action in the House of Commons, but shook his head sadly when I asked him: "Do you think you'll be appointed to the federal cabinet?"

No, said Dave. He had been in line for a cabinet post "but that bastard Howe (C. D. Howe, the powerful minister of trade) doesn't want any Jews in there."

I suggested that maybe he would eventually be appointed to the Senate. Dave didn't seem very enthused about the idea — "because I'm not ready yet to quit fighting." Nevertheless he accepted the Senate appointment a few years later, because he felt it was an honor a Jew couldn't turn down.

At the time of the campaign, Dave headed a parliamentary committee which was revising the Bank Act and we discussed possible changes that should be made. Dave was surprised to learn that people who bought new homes under the National Housing Act (NHA), the government organization which carried the mortgages on the homes, found that after making a purchase, they had to scare up another $1,000 or so to pay for the furnace. Furnaces and any other appliances were not included in mortgages.

Through Dave's efforts, NHA legislation was changed to allow for heating equipment. And through his efforts, the banks were given permission to make loans on appliances, automobiles and other such items which we now assume automatically can be financed through a bank.

Years later, when I was editor of The Canadian Jewish News, Dave called me fairly often to remind me to publicize the activities of the Jewish War Veterans Association, of which he was national president. Dave was very proud of this role in his public life and was in every way a champion of war veterans as well as the elderly.

The last time I was with the senator, as he preferred to be known, was two years ago, just a couple of days before I moved from Toronto to Victoria. I met him on Spadina Road near Lonsdale, where both of us had been shopping. We chatted briefly and Dave noted that "it's been a long time since I campaigned out of that office near Kensington market." There was a wistful look in his eyes as we recalled some of the highlights of the campaign.

The senator was highly complimentary of the success of The Canadian Jewish News and was pleased that he had known so well two of the editors — Ralph Hyman and myself.

Marion was with me and he wished us good luck in retirement.

"When are you going to retire?" I asked.

"Never," he replied — and, of course, he didn't. He had been appointed to the Senate before retirement at 75 became mandatory.

Although I am sad about Dave's death, I am happy to have known and worked for such an illustrious figure in Canadian and Jewish life. There will never be another Dave Croll.

Senator fought for pensions

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ing Canada's first Jewish federal cabinet minister, but it wasn't to be. When he failed to make King's cabinet, the talk was it was because he was a Jew, and a little off to the left.

But even as a backbencher, Croll had power. He was in charge of patronage for Toronto and he successfully pushed the government to construct social safety nets like pensions at 65 and unemployment insurance. He was especially proud of two initiatives: universality and medicare. These he would refer to as "the Nobel prizes of social welfare."

Croll was re-elected in 1949 and 1953, and he put his stock in the new Prime Minister, Louis St. Laurent. But, as Croll would later muse, "Quebec was not too anxious to have a fellow like me in cabinet." So in 1955, C.D. Howe, St. Laurent's chief lieutenant, offered Croll the Senate.

As he would later recall, "I said, 'You must be nuts.' "

It was explained to him that St. Laurent was not going to appoint another Jew to the upper chamber; this was his chance. Croll thought about it because "my job was to open windows for other people, particularly Jews. The Senate was the highest parliament in Canada and they hadn't got there. That was a sacrifice on my part." After the prime minister's office went ahead and announced the appointment; Croll had little choice but accept.

In the Senate, Croll continued to fight the liberal fight: for a state-funded CBC, the right to strike, the abolition of the death penalty.

In 1971, Croll published his first report on poverty, which recommended that Canadians receive a guaranteed income set at 70 per cent of the poverty line. The idea was never seriously considered by the House of Commons. But every year thereafter, his poverty report was updated. In 1990, his 18th update reported that more than one in five Canadians still live in poverty. "Just once," he remarked last year, "I'd like to publish a drop."

In 1988, Croll's beloved wife Sarah died. To his last day, he maintained an apartment on Bathurst Street and served as chairman of First City Trust, managing the financial affairs of the Belzberg family. He commuted to Ottawa on most days. On his 90th birthday, the Senate paid tribute to him. Croll responded: "The little wisdom I have achieved over my 90 years tells me that we can never stop fighting for social justice. I saw it all happen. I helped a little. I participated in it and I'm proud."

Just last March, on his 91st birthday, Croll was appointed to the Privy Council by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who offered the family his condolences last week.

As Rabbi Gunther Plaut noted in his eulogy, Croll did not wear his Jewishness on his sleeve. Strict orthodoxy had little appeal for him. In the '50s, he joined Beth Tzedec Congregation, but he also belonged to Holy Blossom Temple for its scholastic facilities. For 10 years, from 1979 to '89, he served as national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and was active in the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Croll leaves three daughters, Constance Young, Eunice Mouckley and Sandra Papsin, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He also leaves, as Jean Chretien said, an amazing legend.

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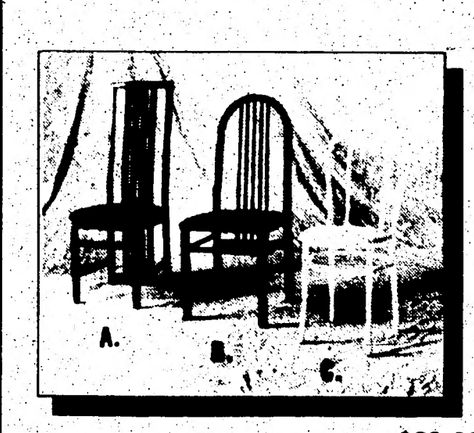

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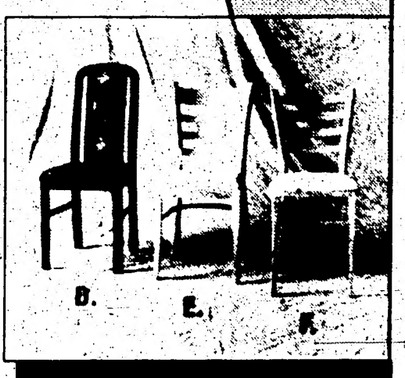

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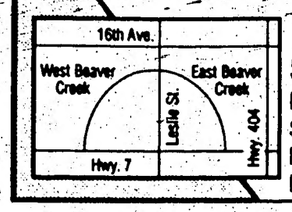

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Resettling Soviet Jews difficult for agencies

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

With tight budgets and a poor economy to grapple with, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services is having to come up with some inventive means of helping to integrate the increasing numbers of Soviet Jewish immigrants arriving in Canada.

At the recent Conference of Jewish Communal Service held here, JIAS executive directors Joel Moss of Montreal and Perry Romberg of Toronto described the challenges of resettling those coming from a communist system. Many are well educated and their identities are bound up with their careers.

They want to continue in their professions in Canada, but the reality is that many will be lucky if they get any job at all.

Because of insufficient staff, one-to-one counselling of the Soviets is impossible, Romberg said, and ways of working in groups must be relied upon. Unfortunately, the Soviets have an aversion to groups, apparently because of the regimented lives they have had. Close to 2,000 Soviets came to Toronto JIAS last year.

In Toronto, where Soviets account for "98 per cent" of the caseload, JIAS runs a three-month group with 15-25 participants. During the three times the group meets per week, participants are given English instruction, assistance in how to find a job, basic resettlement information, some Judaic content and emotional support.

Romberg said 20 per cent of the Soviets JIAS is seeing have serious mental health problems, perhaps caused by the turmoil of readjustment.

In Toronto, JIAS is using the mutual support model in an attempt to give the Soviets a chance to air their emotions and problems. However, the Soviets tend to be impatient with talking about their feelings and are disappointed when JIAS tells them its role is not to find them jobs.

The greatest amount of time is spent on language instruction given by teachers employed by JIAS with government grants.

Attendance in the groups is obligatory for those receiving financial assistance from JIAS and there is almost total cooperation.

Adults between the ages of roughly 19 to 50 — those most likely to be on the labor market — are targeted for the groups, Romberg said.

All of the JIAS caseworkers working with the Soviets in Toronto are Russian-speaking, and the groups begin in Russian, gradually switching the leadership to a non-Russian, non-immigrant.

Judaica content is usually a holiday experience and Jewish topics in the English instruction, but religion is "not shoved down their throats," Romberg said. Sessions are held at the Jewish Community Centre or B'nai Brith to give the Soviets contact with the community.

The "weak link" is vocational preparation. The Soviet don't readily understand that one must actually market oneself to get a job by making contacts, writing a resume and handling interviews correctly.

The Soviets also must be "psychologically prepared" for underemployment. "The first job of nine out of 10 will not be what they want." They are advised to take the first job they are offered, he said.

Aside from the practical benefit of helping the Soviets get through the initial difficulties of immigration, Romberg said the Soviets leave with the impression that the Jewish community cares for them and that they are a part of it.

In Montreal, where far fewer Soviets settle (700-800 this year) and they account for only about 45 per cent of the caseload, Soviets sit beside immigrants from many other countries in JIAS's resettlement programs, Moss explained.

Integration is complicated in Quebec by the necessity of immigrants' learning French, while being resettled by a mainly anglophone Jewish community and generally possessing some knowledge of English, Moss said. Unemployment is also high in Quebec.

"We have to develop community services in French if we are going to teach them French," he said.

The government-sponsored French courses for immigrants are good, but there are long delays to get in.

Jews may stay in U.S.S.R. despite poverty: Givens

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Though many Soviet Jews live in poverty and face persecution, the chances are that a significant number of the 2,000,000 Jews there will remain.

This is the conclusion of Phil Givens, former mayor of Toronto, just returned from the World Conference of Yiddish and Jewish Culture in Moscow where he was the official Canadian delegate.

Givens said Soviet Jews told him that they believe Israel's absorption capacity is limited, that Western nations are unlikely to open the gates to them, and that their only practical course is to make the best of things here."

Another important factor, he said, is that Jews who make application for aliya are considered traitors and their children are victimized and called names.

"One man told me that a neighbor said, 'you're a rat leaving a sinking ship.' "

Givens said he learned that there are countless delays and considerable fees involved in getting permission to leave the country for Israel and this is a serious obstacle for poor Jews.

The conference itself was a moving event with Jews from 18 countries taking part. Jews who had not seen each other since they were in camps at Auschwitz or Buchenwald, or had fought together in partisan groups, were reunited at the conference, he said.

"The scenes at the conference were enough to move a stone let alone a human," Givens said.

The amount of talent represented among the artists and writers attending impressed him considerably. "Do you realize that in that old Shalom theatre on Warshafsky street in Moscow, in that one room which holds no more than 200 people, we had more renowned Yiddish writers than exist in all of North America?"

Soviet Jews seem to have stockpiles of Yiddish books and did not ask for more, Givens said. But they do want visits from other Jewish communities and they want more sholeichem, he said.

Delegates from outlying parts of the Soviet, Birobidjan for example, told him that anti-Jewish feeling was not as strong there as in the cities.

He said it is hard for anyone from the West to appreciate how much poverty there is in the Soviet.

The message Soviet Jews asked him to take back was to urge people to influence their governments to urge the Soviet government to protect the rights of Jews to live in dignity.

It was truly miraculous, Givens said, that a conference of Yiddish speaking people could be held in Moscow. "When I was there three years ago with a delegation from Beth Tzedec Congregation, not in my wildest dreams could I visualize anything like that taking place, people standing up and proclaiming their Jewishness openly before the world."

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ZIONISM BECOMES UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT

LONDON, May 16, 1941 (JTA) —

Zionism has become an underground movement in Poland, in both the German and Soviet areas, according to a Jewish Chronicle correspondent. While the Nazis do not differentiate in their persecution between Zionists and other Jews, the Russian policy is markedly anti-Zionist.

The Lvov authorities have declared Zionism illegal and counter-revolutionary. Zionists are subject to arrest. No one suspected of Zionist beliefs can hope to obtain a job. Nevertheless, many Zionist meetings are held secretly. Young Zionists travel, often afoot, as much as 200 miles to attend a meeting. News about Zionism heard on the radio is distributed secretly.

A secret paper, *The Voice*, is published regularly and is circulated throughout Poland, often smuggled from one side of the Soviet-German frontier to the other. It has not yet been discovered on which side the paper is published.

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FRENCH JEWS FORBIDDEN TO MOVE

ZURICH, May 22, 1941 (JTA) —

An order prohibiting Jews in Paris and other parts of Nazi-occupied France from moving from their present dwellings or absenting themselves from their homes for more than 24 hours has been issued by the German military authorities in France.

Issuance of this order indicates that the Nazi authorities intend to continue their raids on Jews and wish to be certain that their victims will be at the home whenever the Nazi vans come to collect them for internment in concentration camps.

Other orders issued by the Nazi authorities forbid Jews in occupied France to sell their jewelry or other valuables.

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MORE JEWS INTO WARSAW GHETTO

ZURICH, May 15, 1941 (JTA) —

The Warsaw Jewish community has been officially ordered by the Nazi authorities to make room for 70,000 more Jews in the ghetto, according to reports reaching here. Thousands of Jews from provincial townships are being driven into Warsaw it was said. They include Jews who had already been driven once from their homes in various villages to neighboring towns. The arrival of 70,000 more Jews will aggravate the dwelling problem and the food situation for the 400,000 Jews already isolated in the ghetto.

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FALASHAS JOIN BRITISH ARMY

JERUSALEM, May 25, 1941 (JTA) —

Three Falashas (Ethiopian Jews) who have resided in Herzliah for the last seven years recently enlisted in the British army and have now been commissioned to Ethiopia as instructors in Emperor Haile Selassie's army, the newspaper *Haboker* reported.

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BAN ON REFUGEE ENTRY

LONDON, June 16, 1941 (JTA) —

The United States' ban on admission of refugees having close relatives in Germany and occupied countries also applies to exiles with kinfolk in Italy and Russia, the acting American consul-general in London revealed today.

According to the consul's information, the regulations mean virtual suspension of refugee immigration to the United States from the whole of Europe, since it could hardly be expected that there would be any appreciable number of refugees with close relatives in no other countries than Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Portugal and Spain, which are the only countries thus far unaffected by the ban, although the position of Spain is described as "doubtful" by the consul.

The information was conveyed by the consul to a delegation of the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund consisting of Lady Fletcher, L. Mirkin and A. M. Kaizer. The Fund later declared in a statement:

"The consul-general informed the delegation that the order applies not only to those who have near relatives in Germany or her occupied territories, but equally so in Italy, Russia and territories occupied by these two countries. This includes Lithuania, Latvia and Bessarabia.

"In point of fact, it was explained, the order applies to every country in Europe directly and indirectly within the orbits of these three states. The consul-general was not altogether sure about Spain, which is strongly suspected of being within the sphere of Axis influence. The same applies to unoccupied France.

San Francisco rabbi heading UJA in U.S.

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Rabbi Brian Lurie, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation in San Francisco, has accepted an offer to become chief executive officer of the United Jewish Appeal.

Rabbi Lurie will replace Stanley Horowitz, whose resignation becomes effective June 30.

"We are confident that [Rabbi] Brian Lurie would be an outstanding chief executive officer and will work well with the lay leadership to help lead the campaign in these times of extraordinary challenge and opportunity," said UJA spokesman Gerald Nagel.

UJA is the major fundraising arm of American Jewry. Working in conjunction with the 179 local U.S. federations, UJA raises hundreds of millions of dollars annually for Israel and overseas Jewish needs.

As chief executive officer of UJA, Rabbi Lurie, who will turn 49 in August, will have the challenge of charting a path and identity for UJA amid the increasingly crowded world of Jewish philanthropic organizations.

The new executive also will face the daunting task of manoeuvering between UJA, which at one time organized most local fundraising campaigns, and local federations, which now raise most of the money for UJA's national campaigns.

Last year, the annual UJA general campaign raised $765 million, in addition to over $420 million in the successful Operation Exodus drive to aid the absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel.

But UJA, which has 200 employees and last year had an operating budget of $22.9 million, has come under criticism from some Jewish federation leaders, who say the organization is top-heavy and doing work done by other Jewish agencies.

But Rabbi Lurie, who gained a reputation as a maverick thinker during his 17-year tenure at the San Francisco federation, is considered by many Jewish officials to be the one person who can revitalize UJA's image and operations.

U.S. backs drug for genetic disease

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A breakthrough treatment which has been termed "miraculous" has been reported for Type 1 Gaucher's disease, a genetic ailment that predominantly afflicts Ashkenazic Jews.

The U.S. Federal Drug Administration has approved Ceredase, an enzyme replacement manufactured by Genzyme Corp. of Cambridge, Mass., for treatment of the disease, which is the most prevalent of Jewish genetic disorders.

Repeated infusions of Ceredase, the trade name for alglucerase, have been shown to reverse the disorder's symptoms and progression, according to Dr. Roscoe Brady. Brady, a physician and neurologist, has been researching a treatment for Gaucher's since 1974 at the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, a component institute of the National Institute of Health, in Bethesda, Md.

The findings were published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The disease, in which defective genes do not allow for normal amounts of enzyme activity, is manifested in a variety of symptoms, including severely enlarged liver and/or spleen, anemia, fatigue, bleeding problems, bone fractures, severely distended belly and considerable pains of the bones and joints.

Some patients also exhibit malformed limbs of very weak bones, Brady explained. The hips, vertebrae and femoral bones, which go from hip to knee, are often affected.

The symptoms are caused by the failure of the enzyme glucocerebrosidase to break down a fatty substance or glycolipid, glucocerebroside. The substance accumulates in certain cells, which remain in the liver, bone marrow and spleen.

Although the disease strikes Jews most frequently, non-Jews also suffer from the ailment.

One in 10 Ashkenazic Jews is a carrier of Type 1 Gaucher's, Brady said. The recessive gene must be present in both parents for the disease to be present.

Approximately one in 400 to 600 Ashkenazic Jews is affected by the disorder.

Of an estimated 15,000 people in the United States who have the disease in some manner, between "2,000 and 3,000 are severely affected and must be treated," said Brady.

"The others would probably, in my opinion, benefit from the treatment," he added.

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Establishing in Argentina

Neo-Nazi party concerns Jews

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)

The Jewish community here has expressed alarm at an escalating campaign to establish a neo-Nazi party in Argentina.

On June 4, a federal judge here quashed a neo-Nazi group's request to register itself as the Workers' Nationalist Socialist Party and use the swastika as its symbol, the Latin American Jewish Congress reported.

Judge Maria Servini de Cubria turned down the bid by the Workers' Nationalist Party to add the word "Socialist" to its name, which would more closely approximate the name of Adolf Hitler's National Socialist German Workers Party.

Hitler's party, too, changed its name from what originally was called the German Workers Party.

Argentine Jewry was shocked to hear of the official bid by the neo-Nazi group, which is led by Alejandro Biondini, a veteran right-wing extremist who has unabashedly threatened Jews in public.

Biondini told the influential magazine *Noticias*, in an interview published June 3, that he intended to assemble followers on June 21 in front of the National Congress to swear allegiance to an Argentine flag with a swastika in its center.

The DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jewish organizations, issued a statement expressing "its forceful repudiation and condemnation of the publicized attempt to organize in our country a Nazi party, whose emblem, the crossed swastika, is the sinister symbol of degradation and death."

Argentine society, "which is moving forward in its consolidation of democracy, does not deserve the insult of this crazy initiative," the statement said.

Biondini has claimed that David Goldberg, president of the DAIA, is in fact the person who governs Argentina.

In 1988, Biondini led chants of "Death to traitors, cowards and Jews!" at a gathering of some 200 extreme right-wing demonstrators in Buenos Aires. At that time, Biondini's group was called the National Alert, reminiscent of the cry "Germany, awake!"

The Workers Nationalist Party uses the theme "One Nation, One People, One Leader" and a symbol that looks like a crossed number 7, which, on its side, closely mirrors the swastika.

On the group's letterhead, that symbol is on top. But the actual Nazi swastika is at the bottom of the page.

Biondini argues that the swastika is "a thousand-year-old solar symbol" which has been unjustly defamed. He wore it on his lapel when he appeared recently on a political television program watched by a large audience. He spoke there of his veneration for Hitler.

The program host was visibly taken aback and left the stage, leaving Biondini to talk alone to the cameras, the Latin American Jewish Congress reported.

The congress said that Buenos Aires is now "accustomed to having on its main pedestrian thoroughfare, Florida Street, the presence of stands of neo-Nazi groups."

The Argentine daily newspaper *Clarin* ran an article recently describing the ascendancy of neo-Nazis in the country and the burgeoning phenomenon of Holocaust revisionism.

One movement, the National Socialist Movement, supports an Institute for Investigation of the Jewish Question. Literature published by that group was found in possession of neo-Nazis arrested last month for vandalism at a Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of Buenos Aires.

The Argentine Jewish community, and the government as well, were shaken by the destruction of 110 gravestones at the cemetery. The interior minister launched an initiative to incorporate the DAIA into a permanent commission to monitor anti-Semitic events.

Alejandro Biondini, leader of the Workers Nationalist Party, answers questions at his headquarters in Buenos Aires. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Reform shul starts services in Moscow

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Despite attempts by the Lubavitch movement to thwart it, a Reform congregation has been established in Moscow and over 350 Jews attend its weekly services, the president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism reports to North American Reform leaders.

Donald Day reported that Lubavitch successfully put pressure on the Moscow city council not to permit the fledgling Reform congregation, called Congregation Hineini, to move into a former synagogue from an apartment.

Speaking at the recent Union of American Hebrew Congregations board of trustees meeting held here, Day said that some four weeks earlier, when Congregation Hineini officially registered with the Soviet authorities, the assistant Soviet minister of religion, upon hearing that it met in temporary premises, offered the congregation his assistance in reopening any one of the 70 closed synagogues in Moscow for its use.

The congregation, with the help of the World Union, decided upon the former Poliakov shul, built by a Jewish merchant of that name, which is now being used by a drama group.

Day said three levels of bureaucracy approved Hineini's moving into the building. Just before the deal was finalized, Day said, Lubavitch warned the city officials not to permit Hineini to use the old synagogue because Reform Judaism was a political, not religious, movement, pointing out that World Union executive director Richard Hirsch was involved with the World Zionist Organization.

On the Friday afternoon before Hineini was to hold its first service in the shul, Day said 50 or 60 Lubavitchers occupied the building and refused to leave until the police removed them.

"We don't have enough problems with anti-Semitism in Russia, we have to bring it on ourselves," Day said. The city council said, in effect, "a plague on both your houses," and gave the building to Lubavitch and asked Hineini to look for another synagogue.

Day said Reform should soon have its first Russian-born rabbi; the son of the president of Hineini is studying at the Leo Baeck College in London. Meanwhile, the World Union maintains an almost constant presence in the Soviet Union, sending rabbis and shlichim, most of them Russian emigres to Israel, to establish congregations.

Twenty-five per cent of the students at the Leo Baeck College in Haifa are Soviet or Ethiopian immigrants, he said.

Reform is also gaining strength in Eastern Europe, Day said. Congregations have opened in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Romania.

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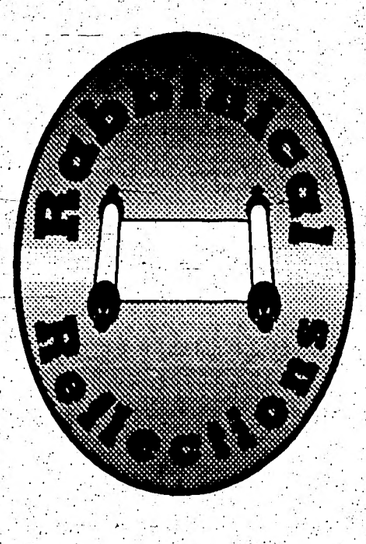

By
RABBI MICHAEL WOLFF

A few months ago, a 12-year-old stopped by the chaplaincy services office because he wanted to write a report on *tzedakah*, charity, for the bar mitzvah assignment. I explained to him that as a chaplain, I did *gemilut chesed*, acts of kindness, by visiting people in hospitals. The young man thought, as do many people, that tzedakah and gemilut chesed were synonymous. I tried to show him how they are different because the goal of the mitzvah provides the motivation for doing it.

Tzedakah, which is translated as a righteous act, is the giving of money to assist another individual. Maimonides in his Mishneh Torah, in the section Laws of Gifts to the Poor, Chapter nine, also includes the notion of enabling someone to become self-sufficient. He considers this to be the highest form of charity because the recipient will no longer need to seek help.

The act of giving is an indirect action. The donor does not give of himself but rather provides the wherewithal which allows the recipients to improve their financial situation.

Gemilut chesed, an act of kindness, is one physical performance of an action which does good for someone else. Gemilut chesed helps directly and immediately, rather than through a monetary medium. Gemilut chesed can be visiting the sick, burying the dead, comforting the mourner, providing hospitality or simply doing a kindness.

Make world better place

Gemilut chesed can be done by any individual, whatever their financial, physical or intellectual status. It can help any individual or group, whatever their financial, physical or mental situation. It also includes the act of tzedakah, while at the same time can accomplish more than tzedakah does. It can be done with a word, a smile or simply a presence. This is the beauty of the concept of chesed.

Chesed, translated as kindness, should really be regarded as goodness. In my opinion calling it a "kindness" implies that the doer is displaying pity for the recipient or, at the least possessing a feeling of superiority in being the giver. If one defines chesed as "goodness," as making the world better, then one understands the concept of chesed more clearly. Chesed is not a favor but a gift. It is a gift with no strings attached. It is the ultimate reaching out to touch someone and, at the same time, allowing oneself to be touched in return.

The recent Operation Solomon, which brought Ethiopian Jews out of Ethiopia and home to Israel, provides an excellent example of gemilut chesed in action. Operation Solomon was an instance where Jews assumed responsbility for other Jews in the mitzvah of *pidyon ha-shvuim* redemption of captives. The state of Israel, with the financial assistance of Combined Jewish Appeal, brought people threatened by political regimes to safety. The state of Israel performed the greatest chesed possible because it gave 14,000 people the gift of life. In return the morale of the State of Israel and of Jews world-wide has been strengthened, we are touched by the magnitude of the goodness done and the care we have shown for our fellow Jews.

This is the concept of gemilut chesed realized. People doing for people. It is the way we make the world a better place to live in. Gemilut chesed, acts of goodness, one of the three pillars that the universe rests on, will ultimately bring peace to the world because it is the purest demonstration of the love that each of us should feel for each other.

Rabbi Michael Wolff is coordinator of Chaplaincy Services, Allied Jewish Community Services, Montreal.

Popularity expands around the world

Jewish studies interest grows

By
ROSE KLEINER

TORONTO — Interest in Jewish studies, once confined mostly to Jewish students and scholars, is now so widespread that it spans the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa.

A recent report from the International Centre for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization states that in many places largely non-Jewish scholars are now teaching Jewish studies to groups of students that are also predominantly not Jewish.

Focus on Hebrew language

According to the centre in Jerusalem, places such as Belgium, Holland, East Germany, Poland and the Ukraine, as well as Russia, are witnessing a growing interest in the study of Jewish culture.

In Holland, Judaic studies focus mainly on Hebrew language, literature and classical rabbinical texts. A society called Philosophia Judaica promotes an interest in Jewish philosophy in Holland.

Last year it sponsored a series of lectures by Israeli professor Natan Rotenstreich at four universities in the Netherlands. An example of the program of graduate studies is the doctoral dissertation undertaken by Reiner Mark, of the department of theology at the Free University of Amsterdam.

His work is supervised by both a local professor, and a professor from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and his topic is Rabbi Joseph Soloveichik's Philosophy of Halacha.

According to Prof. Marc Vervenne of the Flemish Katholieke Universitet in Leuven, Belgium, Jewish civilization is part of the curriculum, and research program of both the faculty of arts and the Faculty of Theology at his university. They also sponsor a colloquium on Jewish studies, which is held biennially.

Totally wiped out during the Holocaust, the long tradition of Jewish studies was revived at the University of Berlin (East) in 1945, within the framework of theological research. In 1960 Hebrew studies were reinstituted again along scholarly lines.

In the Ukraine, according to research associate Rudolph Mirsky, the surviving Jewish community of Lvov is experiencing a renewed interest in its heritage. Hebrew courses and lectures on Jewish literature are again being offered at the Lvov Centre.

Jewish studies research, at the University of Lvov, is taking several directions, focusing on Ukrainian Jewish relations, and on the Holocaust. An interest in improving Ukrainian-Israeli relations is also on the agenda.

For many Polish intellectuals, states Prof. Nicholas Ivanov, of Wroclaw State University, Jewish culture and tradition are very much alive in the Polish national consciousness.

Poland experiencing growing anti-Semitism

In his view it is impossible to understand the evolution of the Polish nation without knowing the history of the Jewish people in Poland.

Jewish civilization is taught almost exclusively by non-Jews to non-Jews in Poland today. Since the country is experiencing a resurgence of anti-Semitism, Ivanov feels that there is the danger of some courses being presented with an anti-Jewish bias.

He bases his conjecture on his own experiences while teaching Jewish civilization at Wroclaw University. He admits that some of his students were motivated to take his courses by hereditary, if not always recognized, anti-Semitism.

In Zaire, at the Protestant Faculty of Theology (in Kinshasa) all five departments offer courses in Hebrew Bible, the history of ancient Israel, rabbinical exegesis and hermeneutics, and Near Eastern history and culture. Some books in the faculty have been contributed by the Israeli Embassy in Zaire.

The University of Kon-Kuk, in Seoul, South Korea, is scheduled to open a department of Jewish studies this year. The courses offered will include Jewish history and culture, Middle East studies, and the Hebrew language.

The university has sent one of its students, Park Me Young, to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where she is working toward a PhD and preparing for a career in teaching the language at Kon-Kuk University. There are 20,000 students at this university.

Prof. Li Hu, from Beijing University in China, teaches and does research in Jewish history and Jewish culture. She has studied in the United States, and in Israel.

She has found during her various lecture sessions that the Chinese people are interested in all that concerns Israel. Israel studies have even been included recently in the approved list of research topics of the State Social Sciences Academic Association.

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Opponent of private school funding comes under fire

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
An opponent of public funding for independent schools was given a rough ride by questioners — mostly Jewish parents — at a recent public forum on the issue.

George McClintock, president of the Coalition for Public Education, came under repeated fire for his view that extending public funding to independent schools would undermine the public school system and help contribute to societal fragmentation.

And he was challenged when he argued that tolerance is best developed in the public schools.

McClintock was the only speaker to oppose public funding for independent schools. Government spokesmen were unavailable, said Steven Kerzner, chairman of the Wilson Heights Progressive Conservative riding association and sponsor of the event.

Bernie Farber, director of research for Canadian Jewish Congress, and Adrian Guldemond, executive director of the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS), both argued in favor of government financial support for independent schools.

McClintock, a former secondary school teacher and a United Church minister, said he is concerned by the apparent divisiveness in Canadian society. The public school system is available to all segments of society and presents an opportunity for young people to meet those of different backgrounds, he said. Social harmony is best developed in the public system, McClintock added.

But the anti-funding view was challenged in a sometimes emotional address by Farber, who argued "it's not right" for his Catholic neighbor to be able to send his daughter to a publicly-financed religious preschool while he will have to pay $4,200 to educate his daughter at an equivalent Jewish institution.

"It's not right to discriminate," Farber said. "It's morally outrageous, and it's time for governments to take a stand."

Congress has decided to take its case to the courts, announcing in April that it will challenge on constitutional grounds the unequal treatment afforded Catholic schools and those of other religious denominations.

Guldemond told the crowd of about 50 that the OACS sees the issue as one of fairness. The public and Catholic systems are fully funded, while others are not.

By failing to fund these schools, the government has in effect levied a fine of between $5,000 and $10,000 (the range of tuition costs) for parents who wish to have their children educated in independent schools, Guldemond argued.

Guldemond disputed the argument that public schools are best able to ensure social harmony, noting that two U.S. studies found that public schools are least integrated among public, Catholic and independent schools.

He said there is no statistical evidence to back up the claim that tolerance can best be instilled in one particular system and that students in independent schools are less tolerant than those in public ones.

Meanwhile, British Columbia has announced it is increasing the per-pupil grant to Vancouver's three Jewish day schools by about three per cent, The CJN's Maurice Lucow reports.

Approximately 550 students will benefit from the extra funding, which will see the per-pupil grant rise to $2,743 from $2,663. According to a finance ministry report, public school students receive $5,550 each, or about double the amount allocated to independent schools, Lucow reports.

George McClintock (left), flanked by Steven Kerzner, tackles a question during a recent forum on public funding for independent schools. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

As you know, The CJN will not be publishing issues on July 4 and July 18, which means there will be some deadline changes for What's New and About People. Please note these deadline dates—

Thursday, June 20, is deadline for the July 11 issue and must also include material that would ordinarily appear in the July 18 issue.

Thursday, July 4, is deadline for the July 25 issue.

Thursday, July 18, is deadline for the Aug. 1 issue (back to regular schedule).

I will be at my desk on these deadline days to receive your calls and sort my mail. The number is 422-2331. Hope to hear from you.

Friday, June 21

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

On Friday, June 21, from 2-3 p.m., concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will be performing at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd.

The program will include dancing, semi-classical and Jewish music.

Saturday, June 22

ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

David Oren, Israel consul in Toronto, will be the guest speaker at the New Fraternal Jewish Association's celebration of Israel's 43rd anniversary, being held Saturday, June 22, at 8 p.m. at the NFJA Centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107.

In addition, NFJA will present renowned oboeist **Senia Trubashnik** and acclaimed pianist **Natasha Tiomkina** in a musical program.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $5 per person. Due to the shortage of space, registration is advised. Phone **Anne Harris** at 226-1166 or **Esther Naistein** at 663-0497.

Sunday, June 23

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Love and Marriage: White Knights and Pedestals? Problem or Solution? is a special shiur for men and women by **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky** taking place Sunday, June 23, at 9 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill Bais Midrash, 613 Clark Ave. W.

For more information, call 886-5730.

1991 LONDON NEGEV DINNER

The Jewish National Fund 1991 London Negev Tribute Dinner honoring **Sam Katz** is set for Sunday, June 23, at Centennial Hall, 550 Wellington St., London. The reception is at 5:30 p.m. followed by the dinner and program at 6:30.

Tickets are $45 per person (plus a minimum donation of $100). Contact **Steve Glickman** at 438-2234 or 673-1780 or call the JNF London office at 432-2139.

THE "GOOD STUFF" SALE

The National Council of Jewish Women's "Good Stuff" sale is happening on Sunday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1110 Dufferin St. W., Unit 7 (behind the office building).

The "good stuff" is in excellent, gently used condition and includes women and children's clothing, men's sweaters and shirts, costume jewelry, purses, luggage, household effects, books, records, toys and more. As NCJW members say, "If you are looking for it — we have it!"

HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Zanana Akande, Ontario minister of community and social services, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, June 23, meeting of the Heritage of Children taking place at Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St.

The meeting is called for 1-4:30 p.m. Akande will be there at 2.

The Heritage of Children group works to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren.

PNAI MEETING

The Toronto Chapter of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) will be meeting on Sunday, June 23, at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

The meeting will be addressed by **Gabriel Alloni**, president of ATG Aerospace Inc. of Israel. His topic will be Israel's Aircraft Industry. Everyone is welcome.

For information, call **Charles King** at 783-7872.

RUMMAGE SALE

Beth Radom Sisterhood is again holding its annual rummage sale. The date is Sunday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beth Radom Congregation, 18 Reiner Rd., Downsview (3 blocks south of Sheppard).

CAPE BRETON JEWISH CLUB

The Cape Breton Jewish Club is holding the first Cape Breton Picnic at Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard) on Sunday, June 23, at 11 a.m.

For further information, call CBJC president **Dr. Phil Simon** at 731-3072.

BAZAAR

You'll find lots of bargains in clothes, toys, books, gift items and more at the bazaar run by Magen David Sephardic Sisterhood on Sunday, June 23. And in addition there will be delicious homemade Moroccan cookies and pastries.

The bazaar is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 10 McAllister St. (2 blocks south of Sheppard at Bathurst). Admission is free.

CHORALAIRS CLOSING CONCERT

The Choralairs of North York, a volunteer choir, invites the community to the 28th annual closing concert on Sunday, June 23, from 2-4:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard).

There is no charge for this concert which will feature a varied program of pop, Broadway and folk songs. This performance includes a $1 raffle, the choir's once-a-year fund-raising effort which enables its continuing operation.

New members are always welcome. All you need is a love of singing and a sense of fun.

The Choralairs have performed this past season for residents of nursing homes and seniors' apartments, and for the City of North York.

GAM-ANON

Gam-anon, a self-help group for those badly affected by a family member's uncontrolled gambling, meets weekly on Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. John's Hospital cafeteria, 285 Cummer Ave., Willowdale.

For more information, call 366-7613.

Monday, June 24

OPEN AIR CONCERT

The committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, is presenting an open air concert of Yiddish folk music and song on Monday, June 24, at 7 p.m. at Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard).

The concert features **Bruce Adler**, prize-winning musical star of Broadway and the Yiddish stage and star of *Those Were the Days*; **Yossi** with his orchestra and his accordian; folk singer **Lenka Lichtenberg**, and folk pan flautist **Gabriel**. Concert co-ordinators are **Cantor Louis Danto** and **Aaron Fainer**.

Bring along blankets and lawn chairs. There is limited parking supervised by Metro Police. In case of rain the concert will be held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

BRUNCH-TIME SHIUR

The series of brunch-time shiurim, The Four Phases of Man, sponsored by the women's study program of Ohr Somayach Thornhill, concludes on Monday, June 24, with Honoring Your Aged Parent with **Chaya Milevsky**, wife of the dean of Ohr Somayach.

The lecture takes place in the Ohr Somayach board room, 613 Clark Ave. W., from 10-11:30 a.m. where brunch and coffee are served. The couvert is $3 per person. Babysitting is available.

For more information and reservations, call **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

BASICS SEMINAR

The BASICS seminar on Monday, June 24, will deal with Creativity and Potential. The time is 7 p.m. at Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave.

BASICS is a series of individual seminars presented by Aish HaTorah and geared to students and professionals 20-45 years of age.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out and listen to interesting speakers, share experiences and coffee with other mothers of young children at Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy), which meets on Monday mornings through June from 9:30-11:30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available.

For information, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

Tuesday, June 25

LAUGH WITH HABIMA PLAYERS

A real treat is in store for you. The Givatayim chapter of Toronto Women's ORT invites you to a benefit project presenting a dramatic afternoon, Laugh with Habima Players, on Tuesday, June 25, at 1 p.m. at 400 Walmer Rd., West Tower party room.

Refreshments will be served after the performance. There will also be valuable door prizes. For information, call 223-9234.

DOLLAR DAZE AUCTION

Aquarius Chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, has once again co-ordinated efforts for its annual auction being held this year at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., on Tuesday, June 25, at 7 p.m.

Admission is $3 and refreshments will be served. Proceeds will help support the many community services and B'nai Brith Women projects.

LECTURE & DISCUSSION GROUP

The Tuesday morning enrichment lecture and discussion group will meet on June 25 from 9:45-11:30 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., in the board room.

The morning's topic, Wife Assault in the Jewish Community, will be discussed by **Heidi Greenfield**, social worker at Jewish Family & Child Service.

Babysitting is available from 9:30 a.m. For information, call **Rhonda** at 663-3812.

Wednesday, June 26

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The closing meeting for 1990/91 of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto division) takes place Wednesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

New members, who joined during the past year, will be officially welcomed and are particularly encouraged to attend. Help in solving genealogical problems will be provided in the form of a question and answer session. Elections for the new executive will also be held.

For further information, contact **Peter Cullman** at 964-2196 (days) or 756-7856 (evenings).

FERRY BOAT CRUISE

Burst into summer aboard the Trillium Ferry on Wednesday, June 26, from 8-11 p.m. The Trillium Ferry is berthed at the foot of Bay Street. The three-hour cruise around Toronto harbor includes dancing, refreshments, a cash bar, and a chance to win one of the many door prizes.

The boat cruise will benefit the Gerrard Resource Centre, an outreach project of Ryerson's school of early childhood education, and the Neighborhood Information Post, which provides information, referral, advocacy and resource brokerage to the downtown east community.

Tickets are $30 each or two for $50.

Thursday, June 27

MATINEE THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Kinnereth Chapter, Na'amat, has arranged a matinee theatre afternoon at Shaw Festival Theatre on Thursday, June 27, to see *A Doctor's Dilemma*.

Transportation is by deluxe air-conditioned buses and the afternoon is reasonably priced. It is almost sold out, so call 783-1656 or 633-8276 now.

ADULT FILM NIGHT

It's film night at Wychwood Library on the last Thursday of every month. The June 27 movie is *Johnny Guitar* starring **Joan Crawford**.

The time is 6:30 p.m. The library is located at 1431 Bathurst St. (one block south of St. Clair). For information, call 393-7683.

And What Else Is New...

JF & CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following group series—

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Social Skills — A group to help young adults be more comfortable with others. The workshops will help participants develop more effective communication skills and to feel better about themselves as individuals.

The fee is $50 per person for eight sessions running Thursday, July 4- Monday, July 29.

Parenting in the '90s — Groups will be offered in summer and fall for Parenting Teens, Single Parenting, and Parenting the Young Child.

For information, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Those Were the Days, the Tony-nominated English-Yiddish musical revue, is in Toronto for

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EARTH DAY

Associated Hebrew School students, at its Clark Branch, recently planted trees in celebration of Earth Day. Sponsored by the Parents' Association, these trees will be transplanted to the school's new Thornhill campus. From left are Andrea Mancini, Evan Goldenthal, Michelle Pollack and Melinda Larson Standing (left) is Jason Shendale. Looking on is Clark Branch supervisor Hannah Dayton.

PERLY RAE ADDRESSES UJA

Arlene Perly Rae (centre) spoke to the United Jewish Appeal Business & Professional Women's Network recently at the Park Plaza Hotel. Pictured here with her are (from left) B & P co-chairmen Robin Kachuck and Edie Harlang, and program co-chairmen Hedy Frisch and Barbara Bregman. Providing a forum for the exchange of professional, social and Jewish concerns, the division holds programming for more than 1,500 members throughout the year. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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a two-week engagement, June 18-30, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. The show premiered on Broadway in November, 1989.

The original cast will be starring in this Toronto performance — **Bruce Adler**, who just won the 1990/91 Drama Desk Award for best featured actor, co-stars with **Mina Bern, Eleanor Reissa** (also director and choreographer), **Robert Abelson** and **Lori Wilner**. **Moishe Rosenfeld** and **Zalmen Mlotek** conceived the show. The music and lyrics are by leading Jewish composers and lyricists.

For ticket information, call the box office at 630-6752 or Ticketmaster at 872-1111.

BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

B'nai Isaac Synagogue in Baysville, Ont., opens for the summer the weekend of June 28.

For information, call 636-2223 in Toronto or (705) 767-3084 in Baysville.

KABBALAH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

The Kabbalah Centre is offering a beginners course, An Introduction to the Power of Kabbalah: the ancient wisdom of the Jewish people and the profound relationship between science and Judaism. The 12 weekly lectures start Wednesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. Call for registration.

On Sunday, June 30, the centre is presenting The Power of Dreams, dealing with the significance of sleep, three kinds of dreams, using the messages transferred in dreams, why are we dreaming, methods of meditation before sleep and more. Seating is limited, so register now.

The Kabbalah Centre is located at 678 Sheppard Ave. W. The phone number is 631-9395.

VOLUNTEERS FOR RESEARCH STUDY

The Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre is looking for healthy adult volunteers of all ages to participate in a research study.

You will be asked to take a series of tests involving memory, attention and reaction time, and to fill out some questionnaires. The testing will require about 2½ hours one day and an additional hour on another day within a two-week period.

There are no risks involved, and all information will be kept strictly confidential. Volunteers must be able to travel to Baycrest Centre at 3560 Bathurst St. and will be reimbursed for any transportation costs.

Researchers at the Rotman Research Institute study changes in behaviour which occur both in normal aging and in the presence of conditions such as stroke and Alzheimer's disease.

If you would like to be a volunteer or require more information, call **Lisa Sayer** at 789-5131, ext. 2913.

JEWISH CYCLING GROUP

We have been informed that Toronto's first Jewish cycling group is a success! Now called the Hebrew Athletics, the group will be riding every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. from the Glencairn subway station.

For more information, call **Phil** at 486-3304.

RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

Jewish Family & Child Service is looking for host families to provide short-term care for children with special needs. A child will stay with the host family for a short period of time on a regular basis.

To find out more about the respite care program, contact **Florence Weinberger** at JF & CS at 638-7800.

FREE STRESS WORKSHOP

A stress workshop, offered free as a community service, will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. with **Dr. Judy Rosenberg Ben-Israel**. Enrolment is limited to the first 10 callers.

The number to phone is 964-2056.

REGISTER NOW!

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Summer dance for adults, beginners to advanced, takes place Monday to Thursday evenings from July 2-Aug. 1.

For further information, call the dance office at 631-5659.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a parent, a brother, a sister, a spouse or a friend of a sufferer of an eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia, do not wait! Join the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group. The Toronto group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Toronto City Hall (Bay and Queen).

For information, call 766-4846.

OHR SOMAYACH DAY-TIME CLASSES

Ohr Somayach Thornhill announces two new day-time classes for men, with **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky**, Ohr Somayach dean.

The first class, held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., is in introductory Talmud and is geared to the individual who has not had the opportunity to learn Talmud before, or has had little exposure to Talmud.

The second class, held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m., is a text-based class in Jewish philosophy. This is for men at all levels of study.

For further information about either of these courses, contact Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill at 886-5730. All classes are held in the Thornhill office at 613 Clark Ave. W.

SUMMER ART COURSES

The Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art is offering a select number of summer classes for students of all levels. Classes include Potter Wheel and Handbuilding, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Watercolor at Edwards Gardens, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Life Drawing and Painting, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-10 p.m.; Drawing and Painting for Teens, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact **Rose Brinder** at 636-2145.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group is planning a trip to McMichael Gallery in Kleinberg on Wednesday, July 17 with a guided tour and high tea at a cost of $10 for the entire afternoon. Reserve with the group or the temple office at 789-3291.

Also, an outing is being organized in August. Lectures will resusme Oct. 9.

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To register your sponsorship or for more information, call **Sue MacLatchy** at the Easter Seal Society at 421-8377.

for seniors

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Romanian Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, June 27, from 7-9 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. The discussion will centre around The Massacre of the Jews in Iacci, Romania, during 1940-44...The summer outings program has arranged a trip to the Arbour Theatre in Peterborough on Thursday, July 4, to see **Norm Foster's** comedy, *The Affections of May*. The charge is $30 members, $32 non-members. Register with payment at the Wagman Centre desk. For information, call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274...On Sunday, June 23, pianist **Ethel Vida** will present a program of classical music from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the common room...The Tuesday evening program on June 25, will feature pianist **Edward Mountian** in a performance of classical/modern music. The time is 7:30-8:30 in the assembly room.

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) will be running seniors' programs throughout the summer — knitting, bridge, dance, fitness and Good Age Club. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

The LZA Seniors Club continues to be active during the summer months with trips to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 21 and 23, and a day boat trip through the Welland Canal and Locks and a visit to a winery. The Cultural Group will meet as usual on Tuesday morning, June 25, at 10, when **Mr. Ejchenthal** will speak on The Kurds.

Club Chaverim meets for cards and bingo on Monday afternoons from 12:30-4 at the JCC North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include: a Father's Day dinner and dance for members only on Sunday, June 23 ($15); a Catskills trip to the Pines Hotel July 7-14 ($775 Canadian eight days, $575 six days); a Buffalo shopping tour Tuesday, July 23 ($20. Please bring your own lunch)...A movie will be screened on Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. in the club house...The woodworking shop has approximately 20 members participating on a full or part-time basis. Seniors are invited to drop in and observe the operation. Suggestions or volunteer assistance would be most welcome. In addition to crafts, the shop offers furniture repairs including chair covering with special rates for members...Ongoing activities continue. For information, call 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is holding a musical program for the summer closing on Monday, June 24, at 1 p.m...A relaxing day trip to Cullen Gardens is arranged for Tuesday, July 2, and the super Israeli trip is set for Nov. 13-Dec. 4. For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is June 23 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Come to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills Aug. 4-13 with the **Young at Heart Seniors** for only $890 Canadian. There'll be lots of goodies including a trip to Atlantic City, deluxe medical insurance and three kosher meals daily (under New York kashrut laws). For information, call **Manny** at 633-7463 from 1-9 p.m. or **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-11 p.m. or 462-0258 from

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SHE'ARIM TEA

The recent She'arim Tea and Spring Boutique, held at the home of Annie Tencer, honored Edie Kalb, She'arim Hebrew Day School Parents' Association founding president, who was presented with a paper-cut framed Aishes Chayil (Woman of Valor). From left are Marcie Tenenbaum, Parents' Association president; Renee Exton, vice-president and tea chairman; Edie Kalb, Annie Tencer, and Marilyn Maierovitz, executive director.

MOUNT SINAI CAMPAIGN

The Mount Sinai Hospital "Friends for Life" campaign recently achieved the $50 million mark of its $75 million goal. Albert Reichmann, chairman of the Friends for Life campaign, hosted the reception at the Pantages Theatre recently for canvassers and campaign cabinet members celebrating this milestone. From left are Gerald Turner, president and CEO of MSH; Dr. Anna Day, president, MSH Medical Staff Association; Garth Drabinsky, campaign special events co-chairman; Albert Reichmann, Mrs. Albert Reichann, and Lloyd Fogler, vice-chairman, MSH.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sheldrake Second Mile Club's Canada Day Celebration takes place Wednesday, June 26, at noon at 65 Sheldrake Blvd. (six blocks north of Eglinton, east off Yonge). The program features entertainment by the Raging Grannies and the Petrified Woods, a buffet lunch and an afternoon of dancing with **Al Gladstone** and his international folk dancing. For information and tickets, call 481-4416.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The June 26 meeting will feature the movie, *The Last Emperor*. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Sunshine Active Seniors, 55-70, welcomes you on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre for an afternoon of socializing and mix and mingle. Come out and participate in upcoming events, lectures, outings and more. Refreshments are served and there are door prizes...A boat ride with entertainment is planned for Monday, July 22. The cost is $10. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503 or **Freda** at 224-0549.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Call **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), runs on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. featuring lectures, trips, bingo and more. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Walking for Seniors information session on Wednesday, June 26, will interest seniors with questions on the health benefits of walking, proper use of devices that assist with walking, resources for seniors who want to walk for fun, health and fitness. The time is 2 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall, 2565 Bathurst St. (north of Eglinton). To register, call **Norm Cornack**, Toronto department of Parks and Recreation, at 392-6590 ot **Angela de Guzman**, Toronto department of Health, at 392-0962. Please register by June 25.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

At the annual general meeting on Wednesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. guest speaker **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut** spoke on A Celebration of Aging. The program also featured the Creative Choir conducted by **Eleanor Rice**, accompanied by pianist **Michael Khinkis**.

Summer Cold or Allergies? — Weed Out the Myths is the topic of the health lecture presented by La'Briyut Wellness Centre on Thursday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m. **Susan Daglish**, executive director of Allergy Information Services, will offer helpful tips on how to prevent and/or cope with those annoying allergies and intolerable colds.

On Monday, June 24, at 11:30 a.m. picnic on the patio and enjoy new readings by the Creative Writers. There is no charge. As this will be on the patio, you may buy or bring your lunch.

A trip to Artpark in Lewiston, N.Y. to see *South Pacific* is arranged for Wednesday, July 3. The price is $40. Bring or buy your lunch. Also, bring I.D. as you will be going to the U.S. Call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112 for information.

The Creative Musical Variety Show, under the direction of **Elaine Duff** assisted by **Anne Sussman**, performed at Villa Columbo on Wednesday, June 19. This group of well-known entertainers from the centre represented Jewish seniors during that day of entertainment by several ethnic groups...They will also be performing at Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St., on Monday, June 24, at 2 p.m.

The movie, *Brewsters Millions*, will be screened on Sunday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for members, $1 for non-members.

The Wednesday social on June 26 will feature an afternoon filled with song with **Lillian Kelts** and **Michael Khinkis**. The time is 1:30 p.m. The charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members. Refreshments will be served following the entertainment.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. The meetings are for members only. On June 20, first-run movie *Dad* will be screened. The fee is $1 and refreshments are served.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

at the JCC

The Summer Splendor social for young adults (18-25) at the Jewish Community Centre North/East Valley Tennis and Swim Club, 7015 Leslie St., on Sunday, June 23, is listed as Latin Romance with a Lamamba demonstrator, dancing, refreshments and cash bar. The charge is $7. For further information, call the Valley at 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer program for ages 5-12 is being accepted. The two-week sessions start July 2 and offer tennis and swim lessons and more. Call **Nurit** at 889-0813 for information.

The North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11. The cost is $3 per session. For information, call **Nurit** at above number.

Registration is taking place for summer camp at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Call **Florence** at 924-6211.

The Bloor Y needs volunteers to fill interesting, challenging positions. Call **Barbara** at 631-5665.

Special summer membership, starting at $150, is now available at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Call **Frances Adler** at 636-1880 for information.

The Basketball Camp for boys and girls, ages 6-16, will run Aug. 26-30. For information on this and other basketball programs, contact **Janine Krusky**, basketball program co-ordinator, at 636-1880.

The Centre to Centre Israel program is still accepting applications for the trip to Israel July 3-24. The cost of $1750 includes airfare, meals, accommodation and a three-week tour of Israel. Call **Burt Serfaty** at the JCC at 636-1880.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

WEIZMANN WOMEN LUNCHEON

(From left) Dr. Hannah Farkas Himsley, Lily Barr and Ruth Abileah were guests at a luncheon honoring Maria Julia Pou de Lacalle Herrera, wife of the president of Uruguay. The luncheon was given by Weizmann Women for Science at the Park Plaza Hotel. [Robert Stamenov photo]

USDS AIDS BEIT HALOCHEM

The Grade 5 class of United Synagogue Day School Bathurst branch raised money for Beit Halochem by having a Skipathon. From left are Jeremy Reisel, Alexander Skerrington, Issac Stein, Orli Goldberg, Brenda Cappe and Allison Wise. The class teacher is Lola Bar-Lewaw. [Alron photo]

About People

CONGRESS APPOINTMENT

Daniel Fine has come from Ottawa, where he worked on Parliament Hill and in the Jewish community, to become director of the Political Liaison Committee and the Community Action for Israel Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Daniel Fine

In announcing the appointment, **Edmond Lipsitz**, CJC regional executive director, commented, "With his experience in government and the Jewish communal work, Daniel Fine will bring expertise to the activities of the two committees."

From 1987-90, Fine served as legislative assistant to **MP David Kilgour**, handling constituency relations, government liaison, and media contact. During the past year, he was director of the Jewish Students Union-Hillel in Ottawa.

Born in New York City, Fine was educated in Brookline, Mass., and at Boston University where he received a BA in International relations. Fluent in Hebrew, he spent a year in Israel at Kibbutz Beerot Yitzchak. He also attended an Arabic immersion course in Netanya, Israel.

BETH TZEDEC OFFICERS

Gabriel Grushcow, prominent professional engineer and synagogue leader, was recently elected president of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Gabriel Grushcow

Other officers are **Dr. Martin Wolfish**, chairman of the board; **George Glass**, 1st vice-president; **Sorrel Gwartzman**, 2nd vice-president; **Barbara Kelman**, vice-chairman of the board; **Marilyn Light**, secretary; **Morton Pullan**, treasurer; **John Pollock**, parnos, and **Philip Fellen**, immediate past president.

Bert Godfrey is honorary president.

UPPER CANADA LODGE BB

Upper Canada Lodge, B'nai Brith, held its 45th annual installation dinner dance at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue recently.

Elected officers for 1991/92 are president, **Howard Fishman**, vice-presidents **Judy Gordon, Harry Alexandroff** and **Rob Gutman**; secretary **Bernie Dubinsky**; treasurer **Ben Sand**; guardian **Larry Small**; warden **Ike Goldstein**; chaplain **Myer Gordon**, and trustees **Joe Chinsky, Reuben Farberman, Ralph Gerstein, Ruth Sand, Henry Sherman** and **Larry Winston**.

Judy Gordon, first vice-president, is the first woman member to have reached such a high position in one of Toronto's oldest and largest B'nai Brith lodges. She is following in the footsteps of her husband, Myer, who is immediate past president of the lodge.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Three York University students have been awarded scholarships for study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem this September. The students are involved in a scholarship exchange program between Hebrew University and York University.

One student, **Rivi Joel**, has won a full scholarship covering tuition and accommodation for the 1991/92 academic year. The other two students, **Jonathan Prosser** and **Elisheva Naomi Paton**, have been awarded scholarships worth $2,500 each to go toward the cost of their year at Hebrew U.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

"Mid-Summer's Night Dance"
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is having a dance on Saturday, June 22nd, Earl Bales Community Centre. 8:00pm. $5.00 members, $6.00 guests. Deejay **Don Del Greco**. Refreshments and prizes. Come say "hello" to Don! 5343

Singles Rendez Vous (35-55). Barbeque at a member's home. Sunday, June 23rd. 5:00pm. $10.00. Call Sonia at 881-5183.
Coming events: Dinner dance in the country; July 6th. Picnic in cottage country (near Bracebridge) in July. Artpark- Man of La Mancha. August 18th. Tickets only $25.00 or tickets plus transportation $50.00. Limited number available. Call Sonia 881-3707. 5470

Atideynu Lodge (Singles Co-ed 20's & 30's). **Beach Party Dance.** June 23rd. 8:00pm. 15 Hove Street. Dress code: Beach wear. Cover: Non-members $10.00, members $8.00. Tickets at door only. Free refreshments. Cash bar. Contact: Shari Isenberg 223-7173. 5246

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YAD VASHEM

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosenbaum (left) recently purchased a Torah Bearer menorah, made available by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem as a way to support the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem. They are joined by Alex Eisen, chairman of the Society's fund-raising committee. For information on how to buy a menorah, call 660-6028.

BB to maintain Hillel House another year

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jewish students at the University of Toronto will have a place to gather, at least for one more year.

A resolution passed at this month's B'nai Brith Canada annual meeting commits BBC to maintaining and providing "a house" for the roughly 1,000 members of U of T's Hillel/Jewish Students Union.

JSU president Sara Urowitz said she's confident that means the students can hang on to Hillel House, at 604 Spadina Ave., at least until July 1, 1992.

For the past six months, Jewish students at U of T have protested the rumored sale of the building, after BBC slashed funding to the campus group by $40,000.

Rumors persisted that BBC would sell Hillel House, valued at up to $800,000, to help offset the organization's estimated $3.5 million debt.

The students feared that would leave them without an address, kosher food outlet or a place to drop in.

The resolution's original draft, Urowitz told The CJN, called on BBC to maintain Hillel House.

She said that was rejected by the board of governors, and was replaced by a resolution calling on BBC to maintain and provide "a house" for Jewish students at U of T.

That means BBC can still sell Hillel House and relocate the students, but that's something Urowitz doubts will happen, at least for the coming year.

In March, BBC president Marilyn Wainberg said the house would be sold "only as a last resort."

The students have been at Hillel House since 1980. Before that, for two years, they were located in a single room at the Bloor Street JCC, after the old St. George Street Hillel House was destroyed in a fire in 1978.

"I'm relieved," Urowitz said of the BBC resolution. "I'm trusting them at their word.

"At least now we can channel our energies into programming and not into saving the house."

However, BBC will not provide any funding for the coming year, she added.

Urowitz said she has received interest from some BBC lodges to provide the students with money.

But most of the shortfall will be taken up by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (formerly Toronto Jewish Congress), which will provide JSU with $100,000 for the coming academic year, said JSU director Rabbi Moishe Silverman.

"That makes life easier," Rabbi Silverman said, "but it's still difficult to plan long-range programs. You never know what will happen."

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Flomen takes over Hadassah-WIZO

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Rosalie (Silver) Flomen was recently installed as president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO at an installation dinner held at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

An active member of Hadassah-WIZO for more than 33 years, the ebullient leader says that "Whatever I have given of myself to Hadassah-WIZO, I have received back tenfold from this involvement."

Flomen said, "Growing up in St. John's, Nfld., I would never in my wildest dreams have believed that one day I would be making an acceptance speech as president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO. It just proves that there is more to Newfoundland than Clyde Wells, John Crosbie and Newfie jokes."

Rosalie (Silver) Flomen

She told The CJN that she learned the meaning of community involvement and tzedaka from her parents "who taught me by example and could always be counted on for their support of many causes — the synagogue and the State of Israel were always a very important part of our lives."

As a child, with some 60 Jewish families in St. John's, her parents were in the forefront of fund raising for Jewish causes. She recalls the Ladies Benevolent Society (before Newfoundland became part of Canada) which raised money to support the Henry Street Synagogue — later the Beth El Synagogue — and the blue boxes and other fund raisers for Palestine.

She explained that although she and her sister Cynthia were always accepted — they were the only Jewish children at the school — "It is so easy to lose your identity in a gentile environment. My parents saw to it that we had a very traditional Yiddish home. All the holidays were celebrated, we attended Friday night services at the synagogue and Shabbos was always a special day."

At the age of 15, she moved to Montreal and studied at Strathcona Academy, McGill University and McDonald College were she received a teaching diploma.

And it was in Montreal that she met her husband-to-be, Morty Flomen. After they married, the Flomens moved to St. John's were they operated a clothing business until 1978 when a fire destroyed the building.

She was an active member of Hadassah-WIZO there, serving as president of Hadassah-WIZO and her Sisterhood several times. "We recycle leaders." She travelled to regional conferences, national executive meetings, public affairs seminars and national conventions. "My first convention (she was the youngest delegate at the convention) was the one in Israel in 1962. In so doing, I met many wonderful dedicated members from across this country and made many new friends."

In 1979, with their three children, Avrum, Lana and Stephen, the Flomens decided to move to Toronto where they have family.

She refers to Toronto as her "extended" Hadassah-WIZO family. "Upon my arrival in Toronto, I was warmly welcomed and invited to become a member of the Toronto executive board." She joined Noar Chapter. "They love to fund raise, as I do, so I felt much accepted."

In her acceptance speech, Flomen said that Hadassah-WIZO's presence is felt everywhere in Israel through a variety of projects — underprivileged youth in day care centres scattered throughout Israel, helping disadvantaged women, the Asaf Harofe Hospital and assisting the recent Russian and Ethiopian olim.

"The greatest challenge I face will be to increase our fund-raising efforts in these economic times," said Flomen. "We must be ready to assume a share of the increased needs that have arisen."

Flomen, who is filling the big shoes of Joan Kerbel, believes in the team concept. The officers for the 1991-93 term who will serve with her include: vice-president, Fran Sonshine; treasurer/financial secretary, Roberta Dubiner; and recording secretary, Marlene Brudner.

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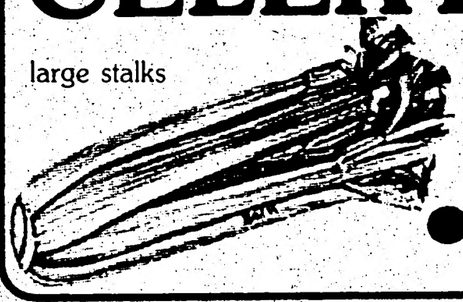
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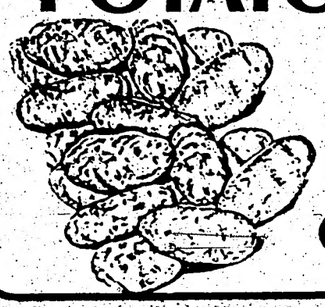
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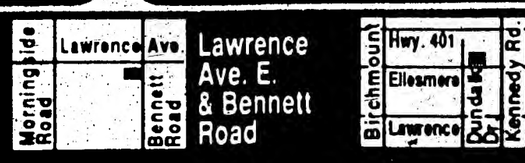

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Premier Rae praises Toronto couple

Phelans receive BB Award of Merit

By
BEN ROSE

At the award dinner are (from left) Helen and Paul Phelan, recipients of the B'nai Brith Foundation Award of Merit, Marilyn Wainberg, B'nai Brith Canada president presenting the plaque and Bernard Syron, award dinner chairman. [Resa Lax photo]

TORONTO —

Ontario Premier Bob Rae praised Paul and Helen Gardiner Phelan as a "remarkable couple" recently on the occasion of the Award of Merit Tribute Dinner to them by the B'nai Brith Foundation.

Paul, 74, is the honorary chairman and controlling shareholder of Cara Operations Ltd. and Helen is a tireless worker for theatres and hospitals.

Among the 750 guests were captains of industry and corporations and Rae couldn't resist starting his remarks by saying: "I was going to say I was indebted to you but you all know how indebted I am."

The Premier praised the work of B'nai Brith, particularly for its media awards. Proceeds of the dinner go to its social services.

In the course of a colorful business and sailing career, Phelan transformed his grandfather's business into an operation that not only feeds Air Canada passengers, but owns Swiss Chalet, Harveys and Grand and Toy. He has just returned from a month's sailing holiday from England and Portugal to Antigua.

The Phelans have been married for 49 years. They have four children and 12 grandchildren. They are only the second couple to receive the award in its long history. The other couple was Thomas and Sonja Bata.

Helen was on the board of Women's College Hospital and chairman of Lyndhurst Hosptial. She and her husband provided funds for the renovation of the University College Theatre which has been renamed in her honor.

"I am grateful for the work B'nai Brith has done in Canada for more than a century," said Phelan, accepting the Award on behalf of himself and his wife from Marilyn Wainberg, B'nai Brith president.

Three of their children, Gail Regan, Rosemary Robbins and Sharon Phelan were among those who lit menorah candles in memory of those who died in the Holocaust. Others who did so included M. Bernard Syron, chairman of the board and CEO, Cara Operations Ltd., dinner chairman, and his wife; Israeli Consul General Benjamin Abileah and his wife; Barbara Greene, MP; David Lerner, national chairman, B'nai Brith Senior Citizens Housing Committee; Arlene Perly Rae, wife of the Ontario Premier; Roger Beaulieu; Michael Kates, national chairman, B'nai Brith Community Volunteer Services; Holocaust survivors Michael Rosenberg and his wife, Lily; Monte Kwinter, MPP; and Rachel Nachman, wife of Gabriel Nachman, chairman of the B'nai Brith Foundation and president-elect B'nai Brith Canada.

The honorary dinner co-chairmen were George R. Eaton, president, The T. Eaton Company, Ltd.; Harrison McCain, chairman of the board, McCain Foods Ltd.; Cedric E. Ritchie, chairman and CEO The Bank of Nova Scotia;, Claude I. Taylor, President and CEO, Air Canada; and Brian Y. Davidson, executive vice-president, Loblaw Companies Ltd.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith, said it would continue to fight racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism.

Greetings were read from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mayor Art Eggleton.

Among other guests were Bernie Green, Vaughan councillor; David Turnbull, MPP; Maurizio Bevilacqua, MP; Donald Cousins, MPP; Joe Volpe, MP; Greg Sorbara, MPP; David Chapley, Vaughan councillor; and Tony Rizzo, MPP.

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At this second set of public meetings / open houses the analysis and evaluation of the Alternatives to the Undertaking will be presented. In addition a preliminary analysis of the loop alternatives, both the ones shown below and alternatives suggested by the public will be presented.

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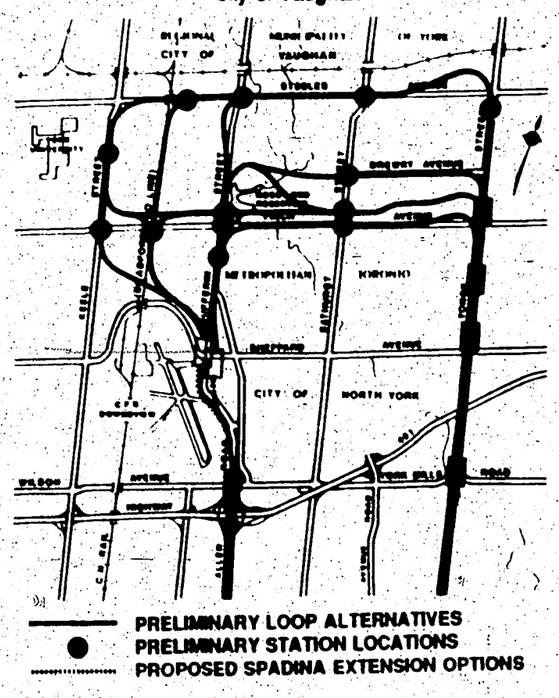

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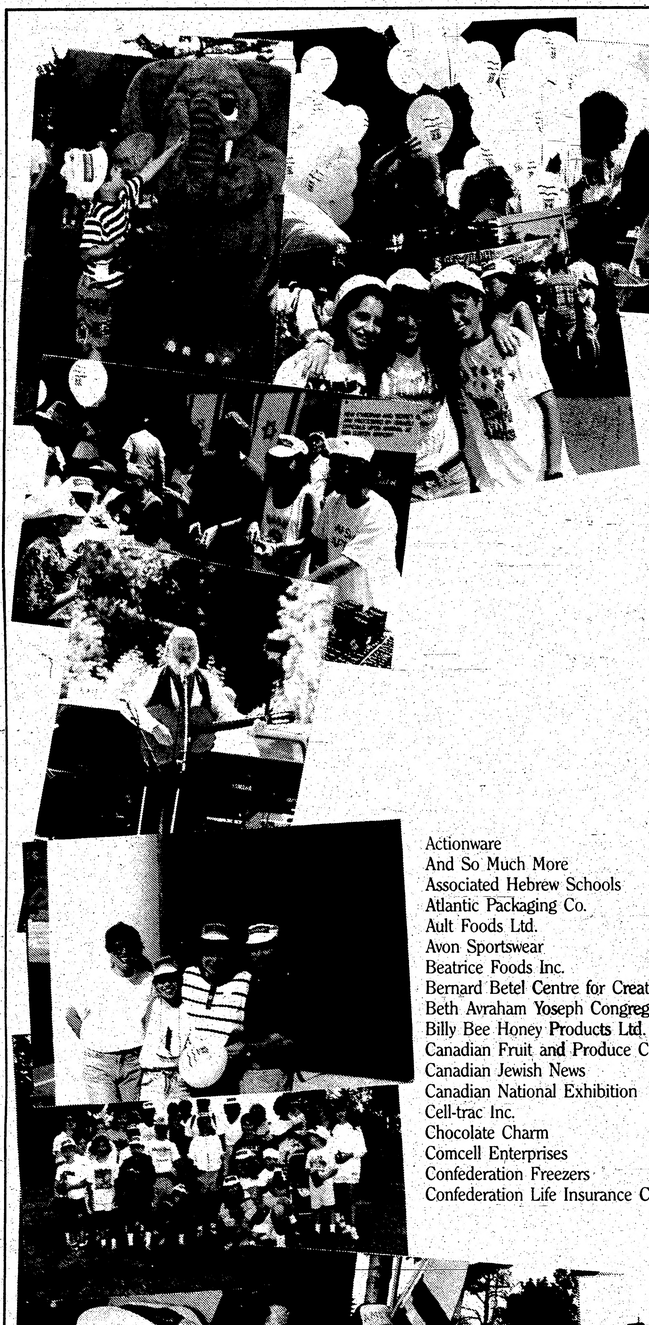

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Organizations and People

Help to deal with anti-Zionist propaganda in Canada

Israeli leadership seminar seen beneficial for students

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

University students who recently attended a leadership training seminar in Israel are better prepared to meet the anti-Zionist propaganda on Canadian campuses, say two student leaders.

The three-week visit helped foster an enhanced sense of Zionism, reinforced the Israel perspective on political/military issues facing the country and equipped participants to respond to the barrage of Arab propaganda common on Canadian campuses, said participant Shelly Feld, chairman of the coalition of Jewish students at the University of Western Ontario.

"The best classroom is the country itself," added Joey Felsen, president of Network, Canada's national student organization.

Felsen, who helped coordinate the program from the Canadian end, said 27 students participated in the Network leadership mission — the largest single group of Canadian students to visit the Jewish state in recent months.

They came from universities across the country, including Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Windsor, London, Kingston, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. Many are leaders of Jewish students groups at universities in these centres, Felsen added.

The Israel program was prepared by the student department of the World Zionist Organization, and featured a visit to the Knesset, a stay in a Golan Heights kibbutz where participants met with 250 recently-arrived Ethiopians, a trip to two West Bank settlements, and discussions with spokesmen for the settlements as well as with representatives of Peace Now.

For Feld, "the most fantastic part of the trip was to meet Russian and Ethiopian olim, who are so important for Israel."

The "light in their [Ethiopians'] eyes" is still a prominent impression for Feld. "They appreciate so much what has been done for them."

A trip to the West Bank settlements of Efrat and Gush Etzion was something of a surprise for Feld. They are more developed than he anticipated and only about 30 per cent (in some cases the figure is higher) of the residents are religious, with some even representing the left wing of Israeli politics, he said.

The latter said they are willing to trade land for peace, but saw no reason why they could not continue to reside there just as Arabs reside in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Other items on the students' agenda were a visit to an ulpan occupied by arrivals from the Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Argentina and Iran, a visit to the Shalom Hartman Institute and a question and answer session with Canadian ambassador Michael Bell.

A representative of the foreign ministry's hasbara (information) desk, "gave us the tools to deal with Arab propaganda on campus," Feld said. While at the Harry Karren Institute for the Analysis of Propaganda in Herzliya, the students were given a four-hour session dealing with anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist propaganda, including neo-Nazi materials.

Shelly Feld (right) took part in a recent leadership training program in Israel. Network president Joey Felsen (left) helped arrange the project in Canada.

Looking back on the trip, paid for by the students and by WZO, Feld said the most beneficial aspect was that there is much more to Israel than is regularly reported in the media. Canadians get a one-sided view that stresses the negative, but Israel is a beautiful country that merges people of different cultures. "It's a holy and beautiful place," he said.

Romanian babies bring joy to couples

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The Benia and Shub families have never met, but they have something in common that will bond them together forever — a baby adopted from Romania.

"We've not only adopted a baby, we've adopted friends. We are bonded with people with whom we may never have had anything in common," said Bob Benia.

The Benias, parents of five-month-old Aaron, decided to take the Romanian route in adopting a baby when they realized it we just too difficult and timely to wait for a Canadian baby.

"We knew that whatever efforts we put here into adopting a baby, the end results would be that we would or would not get a child," said Benia. "Once in Romania, however, we knew we would have a choice of babies."

Linda Shub, mother of Amanda, 6, and 6-month-old Mitchell, agrees that after years of trying to adopt a second child in Canada, Romania "was the only viable option.

"That does not mean, however that it was an easy way out," she explained. "I knew the name of a woman who had contacts in Romania and I phoned her often until she put me on the list of people she was going to take overseas."

Once in Romania, both families described the conditions as far less than ideal. "Despite the glorious architecture and wide boulevards of Bucharest, conditions are horrid," said Benia.

The Benias, strictly observant Jews, said that without the support of the Jewish community in Romania they would have had an extremely difficult time.

"The Jewish community, which survives with support from the United Jewish Appeal, was very generous to us," said Benia, who described the Jewish community in Bucharest as thriving and happy. "They provided us with kosher food, took us to a concert and were generally very helpful to us while we waited for the adoption to be arranged."

Benia said that there are so many people waiting for babies in Romania that it has become a subculture. "Whatever you do, do not go over unprepared, Nothing can get done unless you've done your homework in Canada and you've done the proper paperwork from this end."

Shub said that when she finally arranged the final adoption in Romania and brought Mitchell home, "I could have flown the plane myself, I was so excited."

Once home, however, although ecstatically happy with her new family member, she encountered problems with the Canadian government she had not anticipated.

"With my first child I received full maternity benefits equal to a biological mother," she said. "As of last November, however, Bill C21 came into effect which gives biological parents 15 weeks maternity leave and 10 weeks parental leave which either parent may take. The same bill gives adoptive parents 10 weeks parental leave."

Shub said that this is a "discriminatory bill which does not give adopted children the same rights as other children. I am disallowed benefits which I would have been allowed had I been able to conceive and bear a child."

Shub, who said she is "incensed by the discrimination and unfairness," has put in an application into the court challenges program, which, if accepted, will fund Shub's fight against the bill.

"I am fighting for adopted children and adoptive parents alike."

Despite the unfairness of the maternity benefits however, both familes agree that adopting these children has changed their lives.

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Bevereley and Bob Benia and their newly-adopted son from Romania who recently had his brith at Baycrest Centre.

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CJC to expand program for entire families

Ontario teens prepare for study, travel trip to Israel

TORONTO —

While 23 teenagers in small Ontario communities are preparing for their trip to Israel next month culminating a three-year Jewish study program, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region is working on transforming its education outreach to focus on family life education.

The Pincus Program participants will be leaving for Israel on July 8 for six weeks of study and travel in the Holy Land. Students in the program, funded by the L.A. Pincus Jewish Education Fund for the Diaspora, learn by correspondence from material sent out by the CJC, and from visits by Congress personnel.

Sandra Brown, chairman of the regional education committee, says that Congress, seeking to aid the continuity of Jewish life in small communities, wants to structure future outreach programs for the entire family.

In North America, there has been a strong trend towards family education programs because of the values achieved when the entire family is committed to a Jewish way of life, she explains.

Noting that the Pincus Fund cited the program for Ontario teenagers as "a particularly successful and worthwhile project," Brown says Congress has applied for a grant from the fund for a pilot project of family education. "We have demonstrated we can successfully program this sort of project," she declares.

CJC regional excutive director Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, who recently returned from Israel where he was making final arrangements for the Ontario teenagers' visit, comments: "We feel that the lasting value of education occurs when the entire family studies together."

Similar to the current Pincus Program for teenagers, the proposed three-year project for families would have a coordinator to supply CJC-prepared material and to work with two or three families in small communities, explains Brown.

The participants would get together a couple times a year at a kallah (conclave), and all travel to Israel at the conclusion of the program.

Meanwhile, Pincus participant Jennifer Karp, 16, of Peterborough, preparing for the summer trip to Israel, says she is "really grateful" she got involved in the program because "it opened my eyes to the problems of Jewish life and gave me a greater understanding of Israel and Jewish culture."

This is the second group of Ontario Jewish teenagers concluding three years of study in the Pincus program with a trip to Israel. The Pincus Fund, named for the late Zionist leader Louis Pincus, is financed by the Jewish Agency, the World Zionist Organization, the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Government of Israel.

The Canadian teenagers, accompanied by CJC and WZO staffers, will spend two weeks in Jerusalem where they will study Hebrew and Zionism, and visit historical sites.

They will be in the Israeli capital for Tisha B'Av, the fast day commemorating the destruction of the Temples, says Pincus coordinator Sol Jackubowicz.

They will also tour the northern and southern parts of the country, and spend a week each on a kibbutz, on Gadna — a basic military training program for students, and at Nitzana — an educational experimental farming community.

For more information, contact Lewis Levendel, director of communications, (416) 635-2883 ext. 148 or fax (416) 635-1408.

Participants in Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's outreach education project for Jewish teenagers living in small Ontario communities get together at a recent kallah at Camp Shalom near Gravenhurst. At left is Sol Jakubowicz, co-ordinator of the CJC program. The teenagers will be going to Israel this summer for six weeks of travel and study.

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TORONTO —

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Maria Julia Pou De Lacalle Herrera

In her address, Herrera said that "as a mother, I am concerned about the future and that means science and its application to the development of my country."

To this end, the Weizmann Women for Science in Uruguay are very active in promoting interchange with the Weizmann Institute at all levels, she said. During the past year many programs were initiated by the Uruguayan Women for Science involving researchers from the Weizmann Institute, national authorities, academics, scientists, entrepreneurs and media people.

Herrera added that the Women for Science Circle is accomplishing an important mission educating Uruguayan women about the significance of science and technology and the increasing co-operation between Uruguay and the Weizmann Institute, "one of the most important pillars of the contemporary science."

Marian Craig and Carol Gordon, co-chairmen of Weizmann Women for Science in Toronto welcomed Herrera and other distinguished guests from Uruguay. Dr. Hannah Farkas Himsley thanked the speaker and the Uruguayan people for their ongoing support of the Weizmann Institute of Science, located in Rehovot, Israel.

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Organizations and People

Group welcomes estate donations

Jewish furniture bank seeking extra space for stock

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

The Furniture Bank for Jewish Immigrants is seeking a fairy godmother (or father) who has available warehouse space to donate "and is willing to do their mitzvah for 1991," says Marsha Slivka, who runs the Furniture Bank with Shirley Hanick on a volunteer basis.

Earlier this month, the Furniture Bank lost two thirds of its 5,000-square-foot space in a downtown warehouse provided to them by a Toronto businessman. This means that they are no longer able to stockpile large quantities of furniture. Their remaining space consists of two unconnected rooms, which means that they need more volunteer staff when the warehouse is open.

"We need something that people could access by TTC if they had to," said Hanick. It is often difficult for seniors and single women to get to the current downtown warehouse. "Finch and Bathurst [where most of the Russian immigrants live] would be incredible," she said.

A north-end location would also mean that there would be a faster turnover of items, so that they could probably manage with 3,000 square feet, although they would "make do" with whatever they could get. "The more the better, of course."

A larger warehouse would enable them to continue to accept large donations from businesses. In the past they have received a sizeable donation of hotel furniture, a number of couches from a rental company and 75 lamps from another company.

They also welcome estate donations, and will personally oversee distribution of all the items (including food, which they give to the food bank) if it is too painful for the donors or if they are from out of town.

Estate donations enable the volunteers to make some ad hoc decisions, which they find particularly gratifying. They gave a television set to a 14-year-old Russian Jewish girl who was undergoing cancer treatment. A dining room set went to a large family "who really needed it," said Hanick.

One estate donor, anguished at the thought of "watching her mother's house being broken up bit by bit," was told by Slivka. "You can look at it that way, or you can look at it as your mother's house being the start for four newly arrived families."

Slivka's friends tell her that being involved in the Furniture Bank is a living mitzvah. "Very rarely do you have the opportunity to help people start a new life," Slivka says.

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Members of B'nai Brith Canada dedicated a sefer Torah last week at the BBC-sponsored senior citizens' residence at 4300 Bathurst St. David Lerner (second from left), is chairman of BBC's senior citizens' housing committee. [Ron Csillag photo]

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Photographs help beautify institution

Baycrest honors Orah Buck for her art contributions

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Service to the elderly and esthetics meld at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Baycrest is known as one of the finest multi-faceted institutions for the elderly in the world. But few people know of the outstanding collection of art that has been donated to the centre and is part of its permanent art collection.

Recently, Baycrest volunteers, staff and members of the community gathered in the Silverman Garden Court of the centre at a reception to honor one of Baycrest's most generous and talented contributors, whose photographs beautify and create a warm and friendly atmosphere for residents, members and visitors to Baycrest.

Throughout the buildings of the centre, bright, bold, colorful, and exciting photographs by Orah Buck create an inviting backdrop. Her clear and vivid pictures of people — young and old, flowers, trees, landscapes and other scenes, many taken in Israel, adorn the rooms and hallways.

Israel has a special meaning to the photographer. She and her family lived in Israel and it is where she met her husband, Adam Buck, who was on the first Canadian youth trip to Israel. They were married in 1951.

She has returned to Israel numerous times and is a world traveller. Her works, which are mixed media, combine the photographic image with other art forms gleamed from her many trips.

"I love photography," she says, "because every picture is a new challenge."

Stephen Herbert, president of Baycrest Centre, welcomed the guests who had been taken on guided tours of some of the locations where Buck's photographs were permanently placed.

Sheila Loftus, the chairman of the art and interior design committee thanked "Orah for the glorious photographic works she has so generously donated to Baycrest — the quantity of works she has given is truly staggering — the quality and beauty of her photographs are outstanding."

Loftus told The CJN that the art at Baycrest is in itself "a work in progress" and "we are proud of the result. Along with Orah Buck's photos that bathe the walls of Baycrest with unique and beautiful images, which give glimpses of the outside that have been lost to so many, there is an Anne Harris sculpture, a Jules Olitski acrylic and other great works by well-known artists."

Buck was also honored by Vivienne Marcus, the art and interior design co-ordinator, who spoke of the excitement of all who see the numerous pieces of art that have been donated to the centre. These, along with Orah's photographs, she added, are enriching the lives of all those who see the works.

In response to the accolades, Buck thanked the people of Baycrest "who have encouraged me. I am proud of the Baycrest selections of my work on the subjects of nature and scriptural biblical reference." She added that she hopes to contribute many more photographic images on diverse subjects to the centre.

Buck told The CJN that she invites "other artists, photographers and donors to join me in contributing art to the Baycrest Centre's permanent collection."

As Nelly Stern sang Hebrew and Yiddish songs to the accompaniment of Igo Stern at the keyboard, the guests spoke of the murals with titles such as Spanish Kettles, The Honorable Apple Tree, Watch My Garden Grow and The Floating Garden — only a few in Buck's eclectic collection.

A woman who was escorting her elderly husband, a resident of Baycrest's Home for the Aged, said that her husband had asked to have his seat in the dining room moved because he wanted to face the wall covered with Buck's collages on scenes in Israel — market places, children and boating — as it made him very happy when he viewed them.

Orah Buck (left) and Sheila Loftus. [Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care photo]

Rabbi Stern opens new singles group

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"In Judaism, age is totally irrelevant," said Rabbi Moshe Stern at the first program of Toronto's Orthodox Mature Singles (age 50+).

"Age is not a barrier to anything," said Rabbi Stern, spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, who spoke on Aging and Companionship. "A person is entitled to all the wonderful benefits of life."

Seeking and finding relationships is not only a benefit, but "the first mitzvah of the Torah," said Rabbi Stern. "*Lo tov l'hiyot adam l'vado,*" he quoted. ("It's not good for a person to be alone.")

Relating to another human being is a way of expressing one's self-worth, a concept that is implicit in Judaism. To illustrate the concept, Rabbi Stern referred to the fact that many Jewish prayers are expressed in the plural, while Modeh Ani (the prayer one says upon awakening) uses "I" instead of "we." The daily recitation of Modeh Ani is a reminder of one's personal worth, which is a crucial factor in relating to others.

The importance of finding a relationship "has nothing to do with age, the color of your hair (or if you don't have hair)," said Rabbi Stern. "It has to do with human beings looking to express their own self-worth with other human beings." The rabbi talked about the importance of friends and community work as well as spouses.

Rabbi Stern congratulated Sharon Ganz on her efforts to establish a group for mature Orthodox singles. The group is an offshoot of the year-and-a-half-old Toronto's Orthodox Singles Inc., run by Sharon Ganz and Associates.

"There's a really big need for this group," said Linda Wein, who helped organize the program. Most programs for singles are not geared for Orthodox Jews, and many people, particularly in this age group, find that divorce or death of a spouse changes their social life drastically if a lot of their friends are couples.

People who attend the dinner weren't necessarily seeking romance. As expected, women outnumbered men, but the severity of the ratio varied depending whom you asked (it was actually about five women to every one man).

Anyone wishing information about future programs for mature Orthodox singles may contact Sharon Ganz at (416) 785-0761, Linda Wein at (416) 787-8133, or Barbara Horton at (416) 886-8180.

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Organizations and People

Not all are poor, sick and lonely

Avoid generalizing about senior citizens, says prof.

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

It is important to debunk the myth that all old people are poor, sick and lonely says a professor emeritus of University of Toronto Centre—for Studies on Aging.

"Depending upon what statistics we look at we can find seniors on both sides of the coin," Cope Schwenger said at a recent panel discussion sponsored by Toronto ORT.

The panel, entitled Issues in Aging: Our Parents, Ourselves, included Margaret Reid, chairman, Toronto mayor's committee on aging; Michael Scheinert, executive director Seniors Care and Judith Wahl, executive director, Advisory Centre for Elderly.

Schwenger said that in a recent telephone survey regarding seniors' health, few said that their health was poor. "These people were also asked if they were happy and the majority said that they were indeed, happy. Obviously, not all old people are healthy but on the other hand, they are not all sick. By taking either side of the coin, we can be pessimistic or optimistic."

Schwenger said that we can also be pessimistic or optimistic when studying old people's standards of living. "Sixty-seven per cent of old people own their own home and 90 per cent of these homes are mortgage free. These people also have some sort of income and assets.

"On the other side however, we can look at old people struggling in apartments. Again, we cannot generalize whether old people are rich or poor. There are people on both sides of the coin."

He said that certainly not all old people are lonely, but there are far more seniors living alone than years ago. "On the positive side this can mean empowerment and independence which is good for those who are young-old, but for those who are old-old and living alone, there is a strong possibility of loneliness."

Scheinert, in an imaginary discussion with his two sons that takes place 20 years from now, tries to explain why an elderly neighbor is wandering the streets.

"Twenty years ago we had a country with potential but we got into a family fight. We wanted a good standard of living, clean environment, unlimited social services, good education and low taxes, too.

"Also in 1991 the federal government passed a bill called C-69 of which very few people were aware. This bill, that sneaked through, took the federal government out of contributing to health care costs by 2003. Eventually we were no longer able to pay for health care. Private insurance is back, and with pay first hospitals, care is just not available."

Speaking back in the present, Scheinert said that Senior Care has been successful "but we have not succeeded. What happens in the next few years in this country will greatly affect what will happen to the elderly. The answer does not reside with us on the podium but rather, it resides with you.

"There is not an easy prescription but it is something you must do. Failure to act will make the difference as to what stories we will tell our children."

Judith Wahl, whose advocacy centre is the only one of its kind in Canada, said that before it was established, people were not paying enough attention to the legal problems of the elderly.

"Many lawyers did not even think about power of attorney, yet 20 per cent of our calls are related to power of attorney. We do a lot of public education to prevent problems in this area."

She said that the clinic tries to handle issues that deal with the necessities of life such as caregiving, health care, and mental incompetency issues. "Too many times, seniors are stripped of their right to make decisions only because they are old. We live in an age where we try to diminish the abilities of senior citizens."

She said another major problem revolves around the quality of care in long term institutions and retirement homes. "Elder abuse is a major issue in our office."

Wahl said that her clinic is very much involved in public legal education. "We believe in the principal of getting information out so people know their rights. We are particularly interested in getting the voices of seniors heard in government. Our underlying thread is for seniors to have the right for autonomy and independence."

BBW/C tackles elder abuse

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"We are just beginning to break the code of silence on elder abuse," said Sheila Zane, program coordinator, Bernard Betel Centre, who conducted a workshop on elder abuse at the recent B'nai Brith Women of Canada convention held in Scarborough.

The elderly may be even more reluctant to report abuse than other victims. They may be frail, forgetful or isolated from people other than their abusers whom they may depend upon, explained Zane.

Abuse of the elderly isn't manifested only in physical violence, said Zane. Other aspects include financial abuse (for example, coercing an elderly parent to sign over his or her house), neglect and emotional abuse (threats, intimidation or insults on a continuing basis). These aspects may be intertwined. Financial abuse is the most common, physical violence the least.

What can be done about this "hidden crime" which exists in the Jewish community as it does elsewhere?

The first step, says Zane, is education, both for the elderly (to know where they can go for help) and for those in the "helping professions" (to become more aware of the symptoms of elder abuse).

"We are very fortunate that we live in Toronto, because we have a lot of services," said Zane. Community information centres are one of the best places to find out what resources are available, she said. "If one service doesn't fit you, you have a choice. You may call someone else." There is help available, Zane told participants in a workshop on Elder Abuse, but one has to be aggressive and assertive in seeking it.

"Caregiver stress," which can be a factor in elder abuse, has become a buzzword among those concerned with care of the elderly. One barrier to caregivers' getting a respite from their responsibilities can be the financial burden of having someone take over for a few hours a week.

A Manitoba physician who attended the workshop said that in Manitoba, people who need full-time health care every day can get home care for a few hours a week at no cost, if the doctor recommends it.

We have the same system in Ontario, said Zane, "but you have to know to ask your doctor, and your doctor has to know to ask for it." Not everyone is eligible for this service however; patients need to be receiving at-home nursing care or occupational therapy to qualify.

For seniors who are relatively independent and healthy, one of the ways to prevent elder abuse, according to a workshop handout, is to remain active in the community.

A workshop participant from Montreal mentioned a weekly group being run in that city by Jewish Services, Allied Jewish Community Services and the Jewish Nursing Home to bring isolated seniors back into the community.

The group has fostered socializing and productivity among a variety of seniors, including some who hadn't bothered getting dressed in years, according to Sandy Sitcoff, president of the Jewish Nursing Home auxiliary.

Inappropriate clothing could be a symptom of elder abuse. Other symptoms which may (or may not) indicate abuse include poor hygiene, overmedication, dehydration, sudden lack of money for personal needs and anxiety when the person is with his or her caregiver.

With an increasing number of seniors in our society, "it is our future we're really talking about," Zane said.

The workshop on elder abuse was one of four workshops held at the BBW/C convention following lawyer Marilou McPhedran's keynote speech on Breaking the Code of Silence. Other workshops dealt with Violence and the Youth of Today, Spousal Abuse and Streetproofing for Women.

At the opening of the David Durbin Cardiac Assessment Clinic are (from left) Alan B. Zender, JCC president; Janet Durbin; Edwin Durbin; Margo Durbin; Lillian Durbin; Frank Ander; and Karen Durbin-Ander.

Cardiac unit dedicated at JCC

TORONTO —

The family and friends of the late David Durbin gathered recently to dedicate the David Durbin Cardiac Assessment Clinic at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) of Toronto North Y branch, the newest service targeted at providing the community with a total Wellness Centre.

The complete treadmill workup is recommended for anyone over 40 years of age or who has concerns about their cardio vascular status. The results of the assessment are analysed and shared with the individual's medical doctor.

Alan Zender, JCC president, in his address at the dedication, thanked the Durbin family" for the opportunity to offer the JCC's members and the community at large the Cardiac Assessment service."

Zender also acknowledged that "we are fortunate to have the clinic directors, Dr. Z. Sasson and Dr. C. Lefkowitz as well as exercise physiologist Menashe Yarkony and cardiac technician Theresa Ender." The cost of the cardiac assessment is covered by OHIP.

As an active Bloor Y member Durbin joined in the activities his children Edwin, Karen, Margo and the late Andrea, participated.

Durbin enjoyed swimming, but if the children were playing basketball or badminton he would be right there as a member of their team. He made the Y an important part of his life. The decision was made to honor Durbin by making this contribution because he loved the Y. Durbin passed away in the spring of 1987 at the age of 66.

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Greenberg devoted to Jewish causes

Ottawa Israel Bonds honors feisty great-grandmother

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
It was a night Bess Greenberg won't quickly forget.

More than 200 fellow State of Israel 'Bonders' recently turned out to fete the diminutive yet feisty great-grandmother. A longtime supporter of the Ottawa Jewish community and the State of Israel, the 80-ish Greenberg has devoted much of her adult life raising money and promoting Jewish solidarity.

"Bessie is a very special lady — very laid back but up for a challenge at any time," said emcee and son-in-law Sol Shabinsky (married to Bess' daughter Laya) and a local real estate developer.

Special indeed. Outgoing president of the Jewish Community Council Dr. Eli Rabin (escorted by his 20-something daughter Karen) was in attendance; State of Israel Bonds national chairman Melvyn Dobrin came in from Montreal as did executive vice-president and general counsel Julius Briskin. Israeli ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef brought his greetings, as did Ottawa chairman Irving Rivers.

One of eight children, Bess (Shecter) Greenberg was borne in Lachine, Que., moving in her teens to Montreal proper. Several years later, she married Moe Greenberg who died an untimely death 15 years later, leaving her to raise and support three young children.

During a long career, she became knowledgeable in the art of investment and real estate and and she established her independence and contributed greatly to a growing Jewish community in Ottawa.

Bessie's played a pivotal and unique role in the development of the Ottawa Jewish community, Shabinsky said. "She stood with men in the community before it was fashionable to do so," he said.

In 1975, she became the first woman in Ottawa to establish a foundation — the Mrs. (Moe) Bess Greenberg Foundation — with a gift of $100,000 to the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation to which she recently made a further donation of an additional $100,000.

Greenberg has also played a key role in the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa by helping found the Women's Division. In 1974, she received a leadership award for her considerable input as a member of the campaign cabinet.

Greenberg is a founding life member of B'nai Brith Women of Ottawa and a life member of the Mollie Sachs chapter of Hadassah-WIZO. In addition, she has given her time and energy to Hillel Lodge, the Weizmann Institute of Science, and many other Jewish organizations in and around Ottawa.

A longtime member of the the Agudath Israel Synagogue, she financed and helped create a tapestry which beautifies the congregation lobby, and in conjunction with her children, established the library at Hillel Academy.

She has also supported the United Way, the Civic Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart Foundation.

At the low-key affair (no head table), Greenberg received a State of Israel Heritage award in recognition of her many contributions.

In a touching moment, teenage granddaughter Michal Iny thanked the octogenarian scrabble enthusiast for being an "anchor" in her life. "My relationship with my grandma always trades at a premium," she said.

For everyone in attendance it was likewise.

Irving Rivers (left) and Melvyn Dobrin present an award to Bessie Greenberg at Israel Bonds dinner. [Randy Fisher photo]

NCJW branch hosts party for handicapped

TORONTO —
The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section's Chaverot Branch recently hosted a party for 18 Jewish residents of the Huronia Regional Centre.

Huronia Regional Centre is a home for developmentally and physically handicapped adults. The home, funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, is located in Orillia and has over 700 residents, many of them Jewish.

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, invited Huronia Regional Centre clients to Council House for a fun-filled evening of entertainment and refreshments.

Twenty dancers from seven-20 years of age from J.C.B. Danceworks in Richmond Hill volunteered to perform.

The evening was a success and provided a great opportunity for National Council of Jewish Women members to become better acquainted with some of the Jewish people of Huronia Regional Centre.

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Organizations and People

Privacy said essential for dignity of marriage

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The acceptance of the concept of tznius, loosely translated as modesty, is what gives Jewish life and the Jewish home dignity, said a Minnesota teacher, lecturer and author.

Speaking to a packed social hall of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill, Rabbi Manis Friedman, author of the recently published *Doesn't Anyone Blush Anymore? Reclaiming Intimacy, Modesty and Sexuality*, said intimacy is even more important between husband and wife than before marriage.

It is essential, he said, to not take each other for granted.

"Each person has the right to privacy. Because you were invited to share that privacy yesterday doesn't mean you are welcome there today."

This recognition of the right to privacy is what keeps the dignity of marriage, the rabbi said.

In a delivery worthy of a stand-up comic, Rabbi Friedman dismissed previous terms used to describe the formation of intimate human relationships.

Each term goes out of fashion he said; dating ("what is it, a geological exercise?"), going out (where are you going? Can't you stay in?) and seeing someone ("Can I see her too? No!")

Contrast this with how Torah describes the relationship between Adam and Eve, he said: "Adam knew Eve, and she conceived."

When the Torah wants to be delicate, it uses an appropriate euphemism, Rabbi Friedman said.

Sterile, non-descriptive terms are evasive, used to conceal intimacy and to try to insulate oneself from hurt if the relationship fails. "To know and be known is a great intimacy," he said.

Intimacy must be on the other persons's terms, he said.

If a wife says she wants a rose, for instance, he said, get her a rose — not a whole bouquet.

The bouquet, he says, is what you think you should give her, and is not responding to her needs.

You are entitled, he said, to your own thoughts. You can think whatever you want about the other person's request — but respond to the request anyway.

He spoke of a couple he was counselling, where the husband complained that the wife never explained why she didn't like certain things he was doing.

After lengthy therapy, Rabbi Friedman related, the wife finally turned and asserted "If I don't like it, that's reason enough."

He also warned against letting the partner know you think his or her needs are silly.

Your thoughts may be your own, he said, but your deeds must show respect to the other person.

The same rules of intimacy apply to one's relationship with G-d, the rabbi said.

You are perfectly entitled to think a certain rule He has given, like the injunction for women to cover their hair, makes no sense, he said. "But cover your hair anyway."

Beware of putting your own feelings unto G-d's laws, he said.

G-d said to keep the Shabbat holy, Rabbi Friedman said. You aren't entitled to say that that means to make it a day of rest that you should spend on the golf course.

Don't embellish laws, either, he warned.

"G-d doesn't say keep dietary restrictions because it builds discipline. He said don't eat pork."

Adding to or detracting from the simple word of G-d is not surrendering to Him — it's responding to your own needs.

In reply to a question from the audience, Rabbi Friedman said there's nothing wrong with being machmir (stringent in carrying out a religious law) if you want to be sure that that mitzva is carried out.

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Child survivors form local group

TORONTO —
The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (formerly Toronto Jewish Congress), is inviting all children who survived the Holocaust to a meeting on June 24 at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building.

This newly formed group emerged following the first Conference of the Hidden Child which recently took place in New York City. Over 50 participants from Toronto attended the conference. All agreed it was an emotional but vital gathering.

There are numerous child survivor groups across Canada, the United States, Australia and Europe. The existing groups meet on a regular basis to share their unique experiences and to support each other.

"The commonality of our experiences often gives us an instantaneous bond," said a child survivor.

The activities of the Toronto group will vary according to needs of the participants.

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Ayel Daniels, a student of Associated Hebrew School's Danilack branch, placed first in Canada at the Elementary Level Bible Contest.

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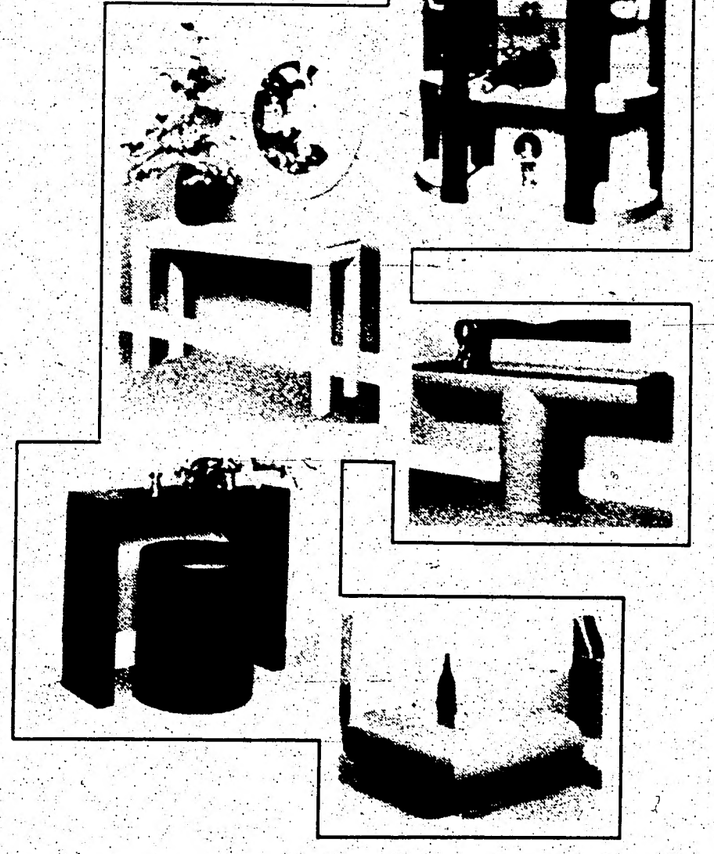
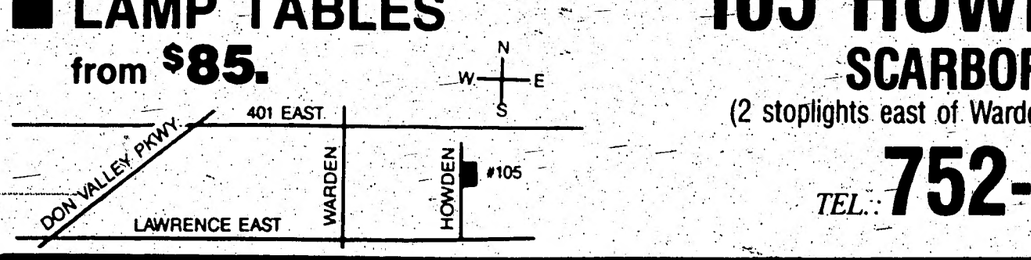

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Mighty Tigers ground out

CHAT season ends as title slips through their gloves

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Cheers turned to tears as the CHAT Tigers softball season came to an abrupt end just one hit short of their championship goal.

There was no joy in CHATville as the mighty Tigers struck out — or at least grounded out in their final kick at the championship cat.

Hoping to repeat their 1985 feat of winning top spot in the Toronto District Collegiate Athletic Association (TDCAA) baseball ciruit, which includes independent schools, the CHAT Tigers fell 5-4 to Brother Edmund Rice in the title game.

The disappointment in the team and among the 200 supporters was intense, said co-coach Steve Mayer. But the boys played hard and acquitted themselves well, almost pulling off a victory in the bottom half of the seventh and final inning.

Defensively, the Tigers turned in a fine performance (throwing out two potential runs at the plate) but unfortunately, the boys' bats fell silent and the team failed to take advantage of their opportunities.

Mayer, who coaches the Tigers along with CHAT gym teacher Rob Fishbaum, called the loss a "heartbreaker."

Falling behind 5-3, they battled back to narrow the score to 5-4 in the fifth inning.

Both teams were scoreless going into the bottom of the seventh, when pinch hitter David Brandes led off with a single. With a pinch runner sent in, Rafi Cashman hit a fly ball to left field, the runner tagging and moving to second base.

Josh Rifkind then hit a shallow single that moved the runner to third. With Randal Slavens and Akiva Aronson, the heart of the batting order, coming to the plate and with only one out, things were looking up for the Tigers.

Slavens, CHAT's male athlete of the year and MVP at an early season tournament hosted by the school, popped the ball up in the infield. Two out.

As Aronson took to the plate, hopes were still high, for he had led the team in homers, ribbies, doubles and slugging percentage.

But it was not to be. Aronson grounded out and the fat lady sang. The Tigers' season was over.

Looking back on the contest, Mayer called it "a game of missed opportunities." The Tigers finished the fifth inning with the bases loaded but couldn't connect with the clutch hits when they needed them.

Despite the disappointment, Mayer paid tribute to the perseverence and dedication of the team. Ever since the first tryouts were held last September, the guys practiced hard, even during the winter. They gave up their weekends, they practiced before and after school. And they developed a lot of camaraderie and team spirit, he said.

The Tigers kicked off the season winning their school's invitational tournament, beating the league's two-year champions in doing so and giving a hint they'd be a force to be reckoned with.

Over the past seven years, CHAT has racked up a .750 winning percentage, showing that despite the graduation of some key players, the Tigers always play competitive ball, Mayer said.

Opening the proceedings by throwing out a ceremonial first pitch was Steven Drooker, who 10 years ago initiated the TDCAA and who coached the Tigers to the 1985 championship.

CHAT Tiger's mascot attempts to get spirits cranked up prior to the team's championship contest.

Israel's best hockey players to join international championship series

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Israeli hockey enthusiasts got the good news during the recent A Division championships in Turku, Finland, when a two-man delegation was witness to a unanimous vote of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) granting Israel entry into the hockey fraternity.

Canada native Paul Shindman and David Popco, chairman and co-chairman respectively of the Israel Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Association (IIHFSA), were on hand when the news was announced, said Avi Hyman, Canadian supporter of the IIHFSA.

The pair were warmly received by Finnish and Spanish delegates, and met with Canadian, U.S. and Soviet representatives as well, Hyman said.

The vote culminates a lengthy process which has seen Shindman and other Canadian olim, along with those from the United States, the Soviet Union, as well as some sabra skaters, watch hockey gain a foothold and expand in the Jewish state.

Today a four team house league, comprising Haifa, Jerusalem, Bat Yam and Ramat Gan, offers the best level of competition in Israel in what has been dubbed the Israel National Hockey League.

But despite the grandiose names, Israel has a long way to go before March 1992. There still is no rink in the country even approximating the surface dimensions of international arenas, let alone the Boston Garden.

The largest rink, which was under construction, fell victim to a Scud missile during the Gulf War, Hyman said.

Players in the league are still short of equipment, especially goalie pads and equipment for younger players, he added.

Meanwhile the IIHFSA is planning to create a new management team that will take the national team in hand and seek to obtain top level coaching and someone interested in financing a new arena, even if it only approaches in size that of a community centre.

The committee will also approach individuals and corporate sponsors with the goal of outfitting the national team in new equipment and uniforms for the world championships, he added.

A project that has not yet gotten off the drawing board is a proposal to make hockey an exhibition sport at the quadrennial Maccabiah Games, next scheduled for Israel in 1993.

So while there is some good news, a lot remains to be done, Hyman noted, adding that despite the recent Soviet aliya and the expectation that coaches and players might be among them, hockey has not yet benefitted from that influx of Soviet Jews.

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Summer line by Jacques Vert offers consumers quality, choice

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Quality, choice, co-ordination and cost are the four features that have ensured the success of the Jacques Vert collection over the years.

This line, originally called Matthew Royce, was founded in England in 1972 by Jack Cynamon and Alan Green.

Initially, the label established its reputation by producing skirts, jackets and pants for the more cost-conscious customer.

However, in 1978, it was decided to alter the target market and produce a range of higher quality clothing. It was then that the designers changed the name to Jacques Vert.

Living up to its reputation of excellence, Jacques Vert has produced three groupings for summer 1991.

The first is called City. This collection focuses on tailoring with a selection of two-piece dressing, blouses in plains and prints and knitwear.

The color palette is water-oriented, and as such, shades known as lagoon, pebble, lobster, reef and navy and white dominate the line.

The main fabrics used in this group are crepe and shantung, which gives a slub silk effect.

Jackets vary between short and medium lengths as do the skirts — shorter for the pencil style and longer for the fuller pieces.

The second grouping is called Cafe. This collection features the use of lighter fabrics such as a linen mixture, a microfibre millwash and crepe faille.

The linen look creates a tailored outfit against the millwash which is a softer, drapery fabric. With this softer look, styling becomes more casual making this group extremely wearable.

The colors of this collection travel from dusty to the brights. The shades of orchid pink, sky blue, sun yellow and oyster; navy and white have been used in conjunction with neutral colors which are used as a background color for many of the prints.

When teamed with a floral skirt, this dusty rose blazer creates a classic outfit.

The third grouping has been entitled Heatwave. It features bright, vibrant colors used both as solid tones as accents for the bold prints.

Colors used are savannah, saffron, cerise, lavender and lobster with white and a touch of black.

The main fabrication is tussah with a silky chantelle fabric which lends a luxurious, drapery look to the garments. As well, a georgette is used to add a feminine touch to the line.

It is in this grouping that the prints are emphasized. Short-sleeve jackets and skirts with zips in prints and plains are incorporated with easy-styling, cool fabrics inspired by the strong '60s feel which is the current fashion trend.

A corporate profile states that the "Jacques Vert women expect both to look and feel good in their clothes. The Jacques Vert look has a permanently distinctive signature, even though each season sees progress in the product range. This look is the product of extensive research into colors, fabrics and trends augmented by the input of five designers who make up one of Britain's most inspired teams."

This line is imported by a company called Concepts Myerco Inc. which was founded by Myer Storfer in 1984.

When the Canadian industry was craving a new junior sportswear line, Storfer brought Freego in from the United States. An instant trend setter, Freego struck a nerve and took off.

Storfer, however, saw another gap in the fashion industry. The market place needed a fashionable dress line, a name that represented uncompromising commitment to excellence in design, quality and workmanship. In answer to that need, Storfer began importing Nipon Boutique and Nipon Petites.

He added Jacques Vert because it is a line aimed at today's woman seeking quality clothing with a stamp of individuality.

Concepts Myerco recently opened the first Jacques Vert Boutique in North America. It is located at Ogilvy's in Montreal, where the 'designed to match' line is exceptionally displayed.

Correction

In the Party Supplement, which appeared in the issue of June 6, the telephone numbers of two companies were incorrectly listed. The following companies may be contacted at:

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Designs by Tara Thomson were colorfully displayed at Nathan Phillips Square. (Tara Thomson photo)

Cyclists pedal their way in high style

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Not even the rain could keep the tourists and lunch-time crowds away from the lively production that was held at Nathan Phillips Square.

Drawn to the stage by the tunes that trumpeted across the Square, spectators were treated to an afternoon fashion show that clearly exhibited the latest in zany bicycle attire.

The "Bicyclette Pret" was organized by an Toronto group known as the Fashion Fanatics to help celebrate Bike to Work Week (June 10 -June 14).

The Fanatics were joined by some of the hottest new designers and creative artists in the industry, and judging by the reaction from the crowd, the event was a hit.

This summer, motorists can be sure they'll see bicycle wear that travels from the latest in practical rainwear to outfits that were designed to ensure the undeniable presence of cyclists on the road.

A festive feeling was created with the upbeat music and the brilliantly decorated stage.

Bikes of every size and description were brightly decorated in clashing neon. One bicycle seat that stood out was splashed with lime green and featured a hot pink fringe. However, the bike whose frame was wrapped with what looked to be a fuzzy pink toilet seat cover received more than one glance.

The show began with a look at what Club Monaco is offering cyclists. The classic color combination of the neutrals/white and black/white were displayed on many styles of shorts and comfortable-looking shirts.

A company called Two Lanes presented sleeveless shifts in cool linen. Casual separates were shown in black with white and ivory accents.

Lilliput Hats paraded classic headpieces for a cool summer evening and jazzy caps for lids that call for a sense of humor. The floppy hats were decorated with big daisies and antique lace while others offered colorful finges.

Knitknetwork spun around the stage with the latest in knits. Whether the piece was an off-the-shoulder, cool summer sweater or a multi-colored vest, audience response was enthusiastic.

The designer for Peach Berserk Cocktail came through with her regular fun style. The wildly patterned separates and shifts were short, sexy and sportable.

Emil Designs offered body-hugging silhouettes done in black and white panelling, jewel blues and polka dots. Interesting backs were criss-cross, open and off-the-shoulder.

Final Diversion offered day-glow decorated T-shirts and shorts. While the patterns were not the geometric prints of the '60s, the influence of the flower power era could be seen in the use of irridescent colors and cropped vests.

Animalistic presented an array of raunchy bustiers that were accented with jewelled stones and metallic sequins.

The show was full of bicycle commuter fashions — some serious and some outrageous, the program read.

Not only was the event fun, but the fashions dealt with problems such as how to combat rain, how to make quick changes–elegantly after the commute and before board meetings and how to wear a helmet elegantly. The organizers addressed how bikers can increase their visibility — fashionably.

Steve Rude's coats are dramatic black with white printing. Neutral colors add spice. (T.T. photo)

Sarah Burren-Nolan and Lorraine Tull of Urban Turban supplied this creative plastic overcoat — the finale of the bicycle fashion show. (T.T. photo)

Tara Thomson's short shorts are pictured here with zany leggings and the infamous platform shoes from 1960. (T.T. photo)

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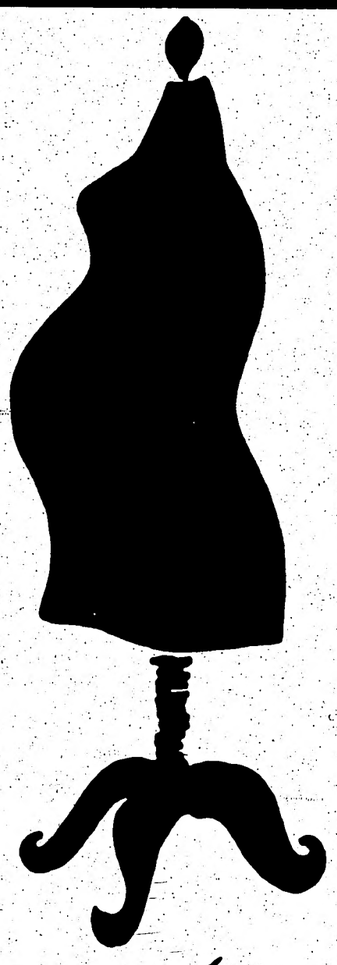
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Family-run Bloor Street boutique offers top styles to full-size women

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Whether a classic white dress or tastefully patterned separates, the four groupings at Marina Rinaldi offer the full figured woman a varied selection for her wardrobe.

Marina Sport offers a colorful collection of weekend wear for the summer.

The advertising slogan reads, "The Marina Rinaldi woman knows you don't have to be small to be beautiful".

This contention is also held by the brother-and-sister team of Barry and Deena Weinberg, co-owners of Toronto's Max-Mara stores and the Rinaldi boutique.

Marina Rinaldi is an Italian collection for women who wear large sizes (14 to 28). The collection features Marina Daywear, Marina Sport, Marina Elegante and Persona.

Founded in Reggio Emilia, Italy, Marina Rinaldi is the creation of MaxMara, one of Italy's successful fashion houses.

Named after the great-grandmother of MaxMara president Luigi Maramotti, the collection offers large women beautiful, high-quality fabrics, classic styling and easy co-ordination.

"It's no wonder the woman who wears large sizes has difficulty feeling good about herself. Imagine going shopping and rarely seeing clothes that you want to buy. This woman is used to finding poor quality fabrics, dull colors and average styling, and that can only re-inforce any negative feelings she might have about her body," Deena Weinberg said.

As a result of being unable to find attractive clothing, many large-size women give up on fashion, often wearing loose fitting cotton knits or other shapeless garb.

Who is the Marina Rinaldi woman?

"She is the woman who's looked through fashion magazine month after month and has seen nothing she could wear. But, when she walks into this store, it's like she's walking into a fashion magazine just for her," she said.

"The store will be an education for many women, who, because of their particular concerns have never really learned how to dress. For example, she doesn't realize that she can wear a jacket and that it can be, as it is with other women, a pivotal piece in her wardrobe," Barry Weinberg added.

"There are a few special approaches to construction and fit that consider the larger figure, and there is more of an emphasis on certain kinds of pieces, but essentially, Marina Rinaldi offers all of the understated style and sophistication of MaxMara."

The line consists of four inter-related individual collections that provide for every aspect of a woman's life.

The basis of the daywear collection features tailored sportswear separates, jackets, skirts, blouses and sweaters. For spring/summer, lightweight wool gabardine, washed silk, viscose, linen, cotton and micro-fibres. This line uses colors such as mustard, rust, yellow accentuated with pearlized reds and khakis.

The sport collection features casual clothing such as raincoats, windbreakers, jeans, leggings and weekend wear.

The Marina Elegante line supplies fashions for evening and special occasions with an emphasis on luxurious fabrics such as ottoman and crepe pique. Some of the styles feature blue and white polka dots, stripes and paisley.

Marina Persona features fashions for price conscious daywear. The fashions are offered at 30 per cent less. This line uses colors such as dusty rose, banana, peach and khaki.

Styling offers softer shoulders on jackets, a kimona influence and duster coats over suits.

Despite the tough economic climate, the Weinbergs are confident that Marina Rinaldi will succeed.

"We carried the collection in our Yonge Street MaxMara store and from the beginning we were overwhelmed by the response. It was instantly apparent to us that the large-size woman has not been well-served by the fashion industry," Barry said.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Feore's complex Hamlet is Stratford's top attraction

By
FRANK RASKY

STRATFORD, Ont. — The good news from the 39th Stratford Festival is that five of the six productions that were launched on the opening week of its new season recently can be described as hits.

According to my tally, five winners out of six is an astonishing record — a score which should make the company's new British-Canadian artistic director, **David William**, beam with pride.

Herewith I list them in the order of my preference.

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Topping my list in the number one spot is William's own staging of *Hamlet*, starring **Colm Feore** in the title role. After nearly 400 years, Hamlet can still justly be called "the most fascinating — and inexhaustible — character in all imaginative literature." Shakespeare himself said in another context that a certain stage personality was a human mystery, "like a barber's chair that fits all buttocks."

Feore, the 32-year-old actor from Windsor, Ont., who in nine seasons has emerged as the festival's sovereign leading man, has here unravelled triumphantly the puzzle of Hamlet's will-o'-the-wisp personality. It is the best portrayal of the Prince of Denmark I have ever seen at Stratford since **Christopher Plummer** first attempted the role at the festival in 1957.

This character is no neurotic dyspeptic, a wishy-washy weakling, who can't make up his mind whether or not to kill his usurping Uncle Claudius, who murdered Hamlet's father to gain both his crown and wife.

Rather, this is a racked and pensive youth. He is torn with grief by the death of his father, yet understandably reluctant to take violent action for fear that he himself may be slain by the cruel palace minions of his now powerful uncle.

Neither is this play a cultural chore, monotonous with outdated Elizabethan bombast. William is quite aware that it is a drama brimming with lust and passion, vengeance and gore, enacted with witty word play and profound poetry.

And Feore creates a very human, moody, complex character who either weeps at his fate or pokes fun at the pompous old "slippered pantaloon," Polonius with credibility. He has the speaking voice of a cello that makes the language live; and he has constant command of the stage, as a first-class Shakespearean actor should.

At the beginning, William presents Hamlet as a grieving 19th-century school boy, wearing a black mourning cloak, carrying a book in one hand and in the other a leather brief case containing text books from his college in Wittenburg. His *joie de vivre* is apparent from the genial greeting he gives to his visiting schoolmate, Horatio, and his joyous welcome to the troupe of actors he hires to perform *The Mousetrap* — the play-within-the-play designed to "catch the conscience of the king."

Like **Douglas Campbell**, who depicted King Claudius opposite Plummer in the 1957 Hamlet, **Leon Pownall** plays a suavely smiling villain, as hypocritical as any present-day corporate backstabber. But, unfortunately, Hamlet is not well served by his supporting female cast.

Sidonie Boll, Feore's actress wife in real life, plays Ophelia with a tinny, squeaky voice; her mad scene is a Minnie Mouse caricature compared with **Frances Hyland's** affecting portrayal in 1957. And **Patricia Collins**, whose Queen Gertrude is supposed to arouse Hamlet's conflicting Oedipal feelings of mother love and lust, is about as sensuous as a wind-up toy doll, seemingly more concerned with her platinum blonde wig than the ambiguous emotions of her son.

The five-hour tragedy, with wonderful music by **Louis Applebaum**, has been trimmed to run for 3½ hours; I felt it could hae been cut further to three hours. Still it would have been a shame to excise **Mervyn Blake's** droll role as the First Gravedigger or to eliminate altogether that gemlike cameo role of the foppish Osric in the last act, portrayed by **Jim White** as a clownish, dandified Liberace. I dare anybody to claim that this generally exciting *Hamlet* is a museum piece.

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Tied for second place are two deeply moving yet affectionately funny modern classics that have nothing whatever to do with Shakespeare.

American playwright **Thornton Wilder** deservedly won a Pulitzer Prize in 1938 for writing *Our Town*. It's a gentle, understated play about the birth, marriage and death folkways of two neighboring families in the New Hampshire town of Grover's Corners at the turn of the century.

The star of the present revival is **Douglas Rain**, the 63-year-old Winnipeg actor, who is one of our finest masters of the classics. Here, wearing rumpled trousers and comfy cardigan, he plays the Stage Manager, a hands-in-the-pocket philosopher and folksy guide, who walks onto the bare stage, and with only a few chairs and tables as props, introduces us to the main characters.

He does so with dry humor and an impeccable New England accent. (For example, the "hollow" on the wrong side of the tracks, where the immigrant Quebec Canucks have settled, is pronounced precisely as a "hawla.")

Wilder's use of irony prevents his microcosm of an archetypal American town from being prettified into one of those homespun, idealized communities that **Norman Rockwell** used to glorify in the Saturday Evening Post. I laughed especially at the comment of a gauche schoolboy would-be farmer (**Andrew Dolha**) who had to rush off to an essay-writing class. "By 10 o'clock this morning," he explained solemnly, "I have to know all about our neighbor, Canada."

I predict a great career ahead for Dolha's girlfriend, Emily, played by 23-year-old **Ann Baggley**, a theatre student at George Brown College and the Banff Centre. She has a darling smile and an endearing personality that positively glows in a scene where she and her beau enjoy the moonlight and the smell of wisteria in the garden.

This beautifully haunting play ends with Emily, having died while giving birth to their child, asking plaintively from her grave in the cemetery: "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it — every, every minute?"

The Stage Manager replies sadly: "No. The saints and poets maybe. . . ."

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Running neck to neck with this rustic idyll for second place is the surprise "sleeper" of Stratford. It's *Les Belles Soeurs* by the 49-year-old French-Canadian playwright, **Michael Tremblay** (with its street-smart *joual* patois translated into the raunchy English of *The Beautiful Sisters* by the Toronto stage directors, **Bill Glassco** and **John Van Burek**).

Tremblay wrote it in three weeks in 1965, and it has since become one of our few internationally acclaimed Canadian classics, translated into six languages. Indeed, for Montreal's celebration of its 350th anniversary next year, **Dora Wasserman**, artistic director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre, plans to stage the world's first Yiddish-language version of *Les Belles Soeurs*.

Its humor is lewd, crude yet compassionate, and it bears the bonafide smell of Rue Fabre, the working-class street in the east side slums of Montreal where Tremblay was born. It's about an impoverished housewife from the area (**Susan Wright**, the indomitable Mother Courage in Stratford's previous version of the **Bertholt Brecht** drama) who wins one million trading stamps. She invites her sisters and friends to a boisterous "stamp-pasting party," where they wind up exposing their repressed anger, frustrations and bitter loneliness.

The all-female cast includes 15 of Canada's leading actresses. I particularly admired the vignettes of two of them. **Kate Reid**, the 60-year-old doyenne of our stage stars, playing a shy, taboo-ridden Catholic, confesses with a guilty grin how much *fun* she has had secretly drinking Coca-Colas in what her parish priest has branded "the fastest road to hell" — a nightclub. And **Goldie Semple**, one of Stratford's leading ladies, appears at the party uninvited as a prostitute, ostracized by her sisters, and dumped by her pimp boyfriend who seduced her into a life of sin. "I'm 30, but I feel like 60," she reveals poignantly. "I'm a washed-up whore, and there's nothing left for me now but booze."

Colm Feore as Hamlet in his soliloquy over the skull of Yorick, the former court jester, is the number one Stratford star.

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"This was a real nice clambake. And we all had a real good time."

That line, from one of the songs in *Carousel*, pretty well sums up my attitude toward the 1945 American musical by the Jewish Broadway team of **Richard Rodgers** and **Oscar Hammerstein**. They in turn adapted it from the 1921 drama, *Liliom*, by the Jewish Hungarian playwright, **Ferenc Molnar**.

If you saw the 1956 Hollywood version, you may recall it's about a sweet New England mill-worker Julie Jordan (**Shirley Jones**) who vainly tries to reform Billy Bigelow (**Gordon MacRae**), her swaggering, wife-beating, no-goodnik husband who is fired from his job as a rowdy carousel barker and dies while trying to commit a crime.

Admittedly, this revival of a rather downbeat musical has its deficiencies. As Billy, Canadian baritone **John Devorski** has a wobbly singing voice and remains a thoroughly unsympathetic character. As Julie, **Allison Grant** is appropriately pretty and is an appealing singer, but much of the yokel dialogue she must speak, about a battered girl being loyal to her "feller," no matter how brutally he smacks her, is terribly shmaltzy.

Nevertheless, the original musical score is so enchanting (especially *If I Loved You*) and director **Brian Macdonald's** version of **Agnes de Mille's** ballets have been rechoreographed so brilliantly (especially for that rouser, *June Is Bustin' Out All Over*), you're guaranteed to have a real nice time.

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Try to remember the exchange of barbed banter you enjoyed in romantic Hollywood comedies co-starring **Rosalind Russell** and **Cary Grant** or **Katharine Hepburn** and **Spencer Tracy**. If you succeed, you'll have a better understanding of the durability of Shakespeare's wittiest comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*. It deals with the "merry war" of repartee between two reluctant prickly lovers, Beatrice and Benedick.

Benedick refers to her scornfully as "Lady Tongue" or "Dame Disdain." And Beatrice ripostes, "How tartly that gentleman looks! I never can see him, but I am heart-burned an hour after."

Inevitably, in this comedy of insult, the sharp-tongued duellists are tricked into a marriage, despite the warning of a court jester, "O Lord, my lord, if they were but a week married, they would talk themselves mad."

The festival's two current superstars, **Colm Feore** and **Goldie Semple**, play the leading roles with plenty of jolly oomph. The sparks fly gaily, because director **Richard Monette** has invented lots of amusing stage business for the battling couple, just as he did a few seasons ago when pairing them off in Stratford's hilarious production of *The Taming Of The Shrew*.

My favorite shtik was inserted in a scene where Feore is gulping down oysters; overhearing the gossip that Beatrice is crazy about him, the poor gulled fellow almost chokes.

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In the word-mangling malapropism of **Brian Bedford's** Dogberry, the klutzy constable chief in *Much Ado About Nothing*: "Comparisons are odorous."

At the risk of being thusly odious, I regret to report that *Twelfth Night* is the smelly bummer at the bottom of my list.

It seemed like Shakespeare's most irresistible charmer, when I last saw it staged in 1987 by Stratford's then Young Company director, **Robin Phillips**, starring **Nancy Palk** as the shipwrecked heroine Viola masquerading as a man.

But this time around, thanks to the slings and arrows of an outrageously bumbling director, whose name I won't even mention, the comedy was a ruined, static travesty. I walked out at the first intermission.

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Arts

Talents showcased in Beth Tzedec concert

Russian Jewish musicians shine despite poor acoustics

By
PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

The Beth Tzedec Congregation annually hosts a free concert for the Jewish community underwritten by the generosity of Joseph and Faye Firestone.

This year's focus was The Musical Artistry Of The Russian Jews, in which the talents of six emigres were featured. All the Russians are currently enriching the musical life of Toronto in some capacity with the excellent musical training they received in the Soviet Union.

Artists included composer Yefim Adler who contributed a world premiere and Vera Kaushansky, soprano, Leonid Karpinsky, baritone, Grigory Goldberg, cello, Senia Trubashnik, oboe and Natasha Tyomkina, piano.

The worst problem facing the performers was the cavernous size of Beth Tzedec's main sanctuary. Many members of the huge audience ended up miles from the stage and under the balcony overhang which obscured the sound.

Acoustically, when opera singers have to be miked, you've got a problem. As well, the instrumental repertoire comprised of chamber works which cry out for intimacy.

In this musically hostile environment, the Russians performed a clever program that was more divertissement than major work with a series of short pieces showcasing different combinations of artists.

And what's more, all the pieces were audience-accessible. This was a program aimed at the lowest common denominator of musical sophistication. The repertoire was eclectic.

Vocally, the two singers covered the range from Russian gypsy songs to selections from grand opera: Instrumentally, traditional bon bons by Chopin and Rachmaninoff were mixed together with tonal modern works by Fitelberg and Chajes.

Adler contributed the world premiere of The Musical Offering for Oboe, Cello and Piano. In keeping with the undemanding nature of the evening, the work was a throwback to early modernity.

It was lyrical and melodic, almost old-fashioned in works such as Aliabiev's tortuous *The Nightingale* with its devilishly hard florid imitations of the bird's song.

The most consistent musicianship of the evening belonged to the instrumentalists. Tyomkina played her own solos with its sound. Each of the three musicians was given a moment to shine which they executed exceedingly well.

What made the piece interesting was its "Jewishness," as manifested in the minor chords, contrasted with the almost Spanish rhythms underscoring the melodies.

The crowd favorite was the baritone Karpinsky who clearly felt his music and gave an animated performance. Possessed of a rich, full voice, the singer, nonetheless, gave an uneven performance.

In the lighter works, the folksongs and the old warhorse *Granada*, he sang clearly and with vigor. In the Verdi and Mozart opera works, his top register fell apart and he suffered from wandering pitch. The coloratura soprano of Kaushansky proved that her fluidity was based on a solid technique but also showed strain in the higher registers.

Yet despite the Slavic shrillness that occurred at moments, the singer was deftly able to negotiate great sensitivity and lightness of touch as well as serving as sympathetic accompanist to the four others.

Goldberg and Trubashnik were masters of their craft. Not only did they truly interpret their music, they were both able, in those dreadful acoustics, to convey clarity of nuance.

From them also came the more challenging works on the program.

The performers also had to put up with problems with the audience, who, no doubt, act with great decorum at O'Keefe Centre or Roy Thomson Hall.

At the Beth Tzedec, however, latecomers trooped noisily in during performances while others kept up a steady stream of chatter.

The performers deserved better than this behavior. Perhaps if the audience had paid for their tickets, they would have shown more respect. The Beth Tzedec should at least ensure that latecomers will not be seated until a suitable moment.

At the annual Joseph and Faye Firestone concert were Grigory Goldberg, cello; Vera Kaushansky, soprano; Yefim Adler, composer; Natasha Tyomkina, piano; Senia Trubashnik, oboe; and Leonid Karpinsky, baritone.

Yiddish Players entertain at Beth Emeth concert

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The antics of a distraught resident of Tel Aviv trying to get the fire department to respond to a fire in his neighbor's house convulsed an audience of 500 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue recently.

It was the skit *Fire Lesher* made famous by the Israeli comedy team of Dzigan and Schumacher and performed here with impeccable pacing by Allen Farkas and Michael Lebovic who with Gloria Valentine make up The Yiddish Players.

They were among performers at a concert featuring Cantor Louis Danto and the Zemer Chorale directed by Charles Heller.

As a comedy team, Farkas and Lebovic have the physical contrast that has trademarked Laurel and Hardy and Abbott and Costello: Farkas is on the short side, while Lebovic is rangier. Both men are 38 and both are children of survivors. Farkas was born in Israel and Lebovic in Antwerp, Belgium.

"When I was a boy of 10 growing up in the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn, I listened to records by Dzigan and learned them by heart, not knowing the risque connotations of the materials," said Lebovic.

He said everyone on his street in Brooklyn spoke Yiddish, even Puerto Ricans who found they couldn't survive physically or economically without knowing the language.

The two teamed up in Toronto in 1984 with Gloria Valentine, an actor-singer who says the urge to perform songs and skits in Yiddish "comes from deep inside me."

One of her favorite stories is *Di Yiddishe Almoneh* about a Toronto widow who makes seven forays to Miami in search of a husband without success.

The Beth Emeth concert was the occasion for her premiere performance of *Hershl* a song about the extortionist boss of the Jewish underworld in Warsaw who gets his comeuppance from Meyer Tschompel in a showdown on Szwientojirska Street.

The song traces back to

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Soapdish a summer washout

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Aaron Spelling is rather well acquainted with soap operas. *Dynasty*, for example, was the celebrated product of his fertile imagination (not to mention *Charlie's Angels* and *Starsky and Hutch.*)

So it is hardly surprising that Spelling and his colleague, Alan Greisman, have turned up as co-producers of *Soapdish*, an uneven farce about a TV soap.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Soapdish* is a sometimes sprightly parody of one fictitious popular soap, *The Sun Also Sets*, and the off-camera lives of its conceited stars.

Celeste Talbert (Sally Field), the shining light of the show, is in a glum mood. Talbert's lover, a married man, has just dumped her. But more trouble looms on the horizon. Little does she know that her archrival, Montana Moorehead (Cathy Moriarty), in league with wimpish/wily producer David Barnes (Robert Downey, Jr.), is plotting to force her off *The Sun Also Sets* (a takeoff on Ernest Hemingway's novel, *The Sun Also Rises.*)

Their ill-starred instrument is Jefferey Anderson (Kevin Kline), a washed-up actor who, at Talbert's insistence, was removed from the show 20 years earlier. Latterly, Anderson has been reduced to playing Willie Loman in Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* in a drab Opa-Locka, Florida, dinner theatre production. As one can imagine, Anderson is simply miserable. But it's a living, isn't it?

As directed by Michael Hoffman, *Soapdish* is occasionally delightful and largely disappointing. At its best, it soars. But all too often, it sputters anemically, causing yawns of boredom and fits of drowsiness.

The finest scenes involve Kline, an excellent comic actor who appeared in that rousing comedy, *A Fish Called Wanda*. Kline elicts hearty guffaws when, in his role as Loman, he is drowned out by the crash of falling dishes. Later, as Dr. Rod Randall, a European-trained physician, he foolishly misreads his lines on the teleprompter because he's too vain to wear contact lens.

But the funniest single episode, which employs the talents of Kline and his co-stars, comes at the very end. Here, in a scintillating example of madcap comedy, "art" immitates life, or is it the other way around?

Sally Field, who is usually in control of things, is distractingly shrill, as is Cathy Moriarty. Robert Downey, Jr. resists the temptation to overplay his part. Mostly, he is deliciously ironic. Whoopi Goldberg, who portrays solicitous script writer Rose Schwartz, doesn't have much room to manoeuvre. Too bad. When she's given scope, she shines, as in *Ghost*. Garry Marshall, who directed *Pretty Woman* and *Beaches*, is ideal as a high-powered TV executive who panders to the lowest common denominator. Elizabeth Shue, who plays an ingenue, is sweet and preppy.

While *Soapdish* will not win any awards for excellence, it will amuse an audience, at least to a point. Take it for what it is — a forgettable summer confection that melts in the sun.

SNIPPETS...

•Ridley Scott's *Thelma & Louise* insinuates itself into the psyches of two ordinary American women who long to be spiritually free. Thelma (Geena Davis) is a bored housewife, with a boorish husband, who's afraid to rock the boat of her humdrum existence. Louise (Susan Sarandon), her friend, is a frowzy coffee shop waitress with no apparent prospects, professional or marital.

On a whim, the pair leave town for a weekend romp in the country. Their unintended crime spree both liberates and enslaves them. Currently at Famous Players theatres, *Thelma & Louise* unfolds from a feminine perspective, so no one should be surprised that virtually every man on screen is either sleazy or selfish. Davis and Sarandon deliver the best performances of their respective careers. Harvey Keitel is impressive as a detective who empathizes with their motives.

Kernerman awarded fellowship

TORONTO —

Teme Kernerman, founder and director of Nirkoda Israeli Dance Company and Chai Folk Dancers, was among three of Ontario's most distinguished folk artists recently honored with an Ontario Folk Arts Recognition Fellowship.

The recipients, including Jackie Washington from Hamilton and Rita Cox from Toronto, were presented with an award of $5,000 each and a bronze medal designed by Ontario sculptor William Clements at the ceremony. Recipients were also given the opportunity to stage performances.

The Ontario Folk Arts Recognition Fellowships is a pilot program introduced in 1990 by the Ontario Arts Council. The fellowships honor individual folk artists, who, through artistic accomplishment and excellence, have made outstanding contributions to a particular art form or tradition.

Kernerman has been involved in folk dance as a teacher, choreographer and dancer for over 40 years.

She organized and directed the first Israeli Dance Festival Concerts and organized Rikudiyah, an annual Israel dance festival for children. She was appointed the first full-time dance director of the Toronto YM-YWHA Dance Centre.

She is currently folk dance co-ordinator of Israeli and international dance programs at the Jewish Community Centre in Toronto.

Kernerman is founder of the Ontario Folk Dance Teachers Association and the Ontario Folk Dance Association.

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Arts

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Jewish Women in Historical Perspective. Edited by Judith R. Baskin (Wayne State University Press, cloth $39.95 (U.S.), paper $19.95 (U.S.)).

The increasing feminist awareness in modern society has created an atmosphere that has encouraged women to find their own voices and "articulate their own spiritual visions."

Jewish women, like their sisters generally, are concerned with improving their social position, achieving a greater degree of religious and political freedom and attaining increased economic opportunity.

But how does the Jewish tradition regard this struggle for equality? How, through the centuries, did women carry on their activities in a male dominated society which provided few educational or intellectual outlets? Were women ever regarded as more than mothers and homemakers whose greatest joys were to be found in home and family?

The 14 essays in this volume provide an overview of the role and place of Jewish women in history — from the Biblical period to 20th century North America.

Rabbinic Judaism which held sway over most Jewish communities from the sixth through the 18th centuries, was rigid in its definition of male and female roles. Women suffered from numerous disabilities under the law.

Derogatory opinions about women abound in the Talmud and rabbinic literature, although often balanced by teachings in praise of women and their virtues.

During the middle ages some Jewish women were active in business, often supporting the family and even serving as teachers of other women and leading them in prayer.

However, apart from the famous autobiography of the widowed Gluckel of Hameln (1646-1724) with its rich vein of information about the life of an ambitious and successful businesswoman and mother, almost no contemporary documents from women themselves have been discovered.

The feelings of medieval Jewish women about the expectations imposed upon them and the limitations for their sex inherent in the rabbinic outlook are virtually unrecoverable.

Jewish authorities during the middle ages debated the question whether a woman could be appointed as a judge or to any communal office. The answer was usually in the negative. Surprisingly, however, in our time, even most Orthodox Jews recognized Golda Meir as Israel's prime minister.

Essays on Gender and the Immigrant Jewish Experience in the United States and Spiritual Expressions: Jewish Women's Religious Lives in the 20th-Century United States make clear how the New World provided unparalleled opportunities for women in education, communal and religious life.

In time, especially for the second and third generation, upward mobility, increased leisure and changed attitudes, helped women become writers, politicians, social workers — even cantors and rabbis.

In responding to their special needs women "have been forced to create new rituals, stories and blessings that forge a connection between religious faith and the realities of their everyday lives." These new forms are becoming popular and widespread in Liberal and Conservative Judaism.

Some of the essays, not already mentioned deal with Sephardi Women in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods, Italian Jewish Women, Tradition and Transition: Jewish Women in Imperial Germany, and Women in the Holocaust: A Reconstruction of Research.

This gathering of accessible papers by eminent scholars will take its place as one of the significant books on a subject of inestimable importance.

Yiddish concert marks close of adult education program

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the Warsaw of 1919-1939 covered in the book *20 Years in the Warsaw Bund* by Bernard Goldstein.

"I like to make people laugh and I like to make people cry," said Valentine.

Rossini would turn over in his grave if he heard her Yiddish version of *The Barber of Seville* about a Jewish mother-in-law with the title of *Shviagaro instead of Figaro*.

The concert was the closing program of the synagogue's adult education committee and was introduced by its co-chairman, Deanie Rumack. The Zeme Chorale soloist was Suzanne Agasee. The accompanists were Marina Surgan and John Henry Nyenhuis.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

It's summer, or just about as I write this column, and summer means plenty of places to go, so without further ado, I'll write if you'll read.

July 4-14 is the **Quebec International Summer Festival**, the largest cultural event in the international French-speaking world with leading artists from **Africa, Asia, Europe and North America** taking part. If you're in the mood for music, laughter and surprises, and who isn't these days, this is the place. For more info call Michel Gagnon at (418) 522-3511.

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July 8-11 are the dates for the **Summer in the Village** program, **With my own hands: everyday life in Ontario** at **Black Creek Pioneer Village** in **Metro.**

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Let's stay in town again for this item. **Paula Shrott** at the **Markham Suites Hotel** at 8500 Warden Ave. tells me the hotel is featuring a **Summer Savings Meeting Package** called **With Our Compliments.**

The rate is $110 per night for single or double occupancy during July and August and they're throwing in a variety of complimentary items if anyone books their meetings with them. For instance, there's complimentary meeting space for twice the number of people as suites occupied (minimum 10 suites per night); complimentary meal room for the group's private dining and complimentary use of **Club Markham** fitness centre and pool fascilities, to name a few goodies.

And good news for our readers is the hotel's kosher kitchen, designed by corporate food and beverage director **Mohsen Said** who came to the hotel from his position as food and beverage controller for the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre.**

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Another helpful hint. **Air Canada** has a a special deal for young travellers this summer. Anyone between the ages of 12 and 21 get a 45 per cent reduction on regular economy one-way fares for domestic travel and travel beween **Canada** and the **U.S.**

The offer is good to Sept. 30. Tickets can be bought between five days in advance and flight time.

Now when are they going to offer discounts for people like me who, although are much older than 12, or even 21, act well within that age range. Discrimination, wouldn't you say?

Slice of Mediterranean in Switzerland

Locarno blessed with mild climate

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

LOCARNO — When Bern is blanketed with snow, Locarno is bathed in a spring-like glow. And when Zurich is freezing, Locarno is balmy.

Lying at the northern end of Lake Maggiore, in the Italian-speaking canton of Ticino, Locarno is a slice of the Mediterranean in Switzerland.

Blessed with a mild climate (the average yearly temperature is 15 degrees) and more sunshine than any other Swiss city (2,300 hours annually), Locarno is a mixture of Italian warmth and Swiss cleanliness and efficiency.

By virtue of its Mediterranean weather and architecture, it is a pleasant surprise to visitors who reflexively think of Switzerland's alpine mien.

Renowned for its luxuriant vegetation, Locarno blooms with camellias, magnolias, wisteria, azaleas and oleander.

What is more, palm trees, olive trees and fig trees flourish here.

Even during the late winter months, when the slopes of Cardada and Cimetta (1,700 metres) are host to skiers, Locarno is ablaze with flowers.

Nestled in a valley, with its suburbs rising up into the hills, Locarno is known for its Piedmontese-style buildings, with their red-tile roofs, pastel-colored walls, and green shutters.

Locarno's Italianesque ambience also finds expression in its steep, narrow cobblestone streets, its spacious piazzas and its gay outdoor cafes redolent of freshly-brewed coffee.

If Locarno has a hub, it is surely the Piazza Grande, where each August the International Film Festival is held in the open air.

Shoppers throng the adjacent Via alla Ramogna, an arcaded thoroughfare with elegant shops.

Locarno, of course, is where the ill-fated Locarno Pact was signed. In 1925, the representatives of Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Belgium and Czechoslovakia affixed their signatures to a series of solemn treaties that were supposed to usher in an era of good neighborliness, peace and stability in Europe.

Old Town worth exploring

Within 14 years, the "spirit of Locarno" lay in ruins, Nazi Germany having trampled on it.

History buffs can visit the Palazzo del Pretorio, now a courtroom-cum archives and prison, where the treaty was promulgated. They can also drop into the palatial but fading Grand Hotel, where delegates stayed.

If you want to see the original Pact of Locarno, you have to visit the medieval Castello Visconti, which has been converted into a museum.

Locarno's picturesque Old Town, with its hidden courtyards, winding alleyways, antique shops art galleries and cozy restaurants, is well worth exploring leisurely.

Among the main points of interest are the Via Citadella, the Casa Ruggero and the Piazza San Antonio.

The Church of the Madonna del Sasso, with its ethereal paintings and frescoes, is an esthetic delight. Sitting on a crag above Locarno, it offers a a fine view of the town.

Once you've "done" Locarno, take time out to explore the neighboring villages of Magadino and Vira, both of which exude unostentatious charm and face snow-capped Mount Leone.

The rugged Verzasca Valley, with its gentle green-hued streams and far-from-the madding-crowd atmosphere, is only a 15-minute ride from the centre of Locarno.

Italy, which shares Lake Maggiore with Switzerland, beckons as well.

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Income splitting suggested

Earned interest means OAS claw backs, reader says

The Readers Ask:

By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER

Question: I am in my early 70s, I live in a rental apartment and have almost all of my monies invested in Canada bonds and GIC's. The problem is that the interest I earn puts me into the highest income tax bracket. I also have my Old Age Security "clawed back." Do you have any suggestions which might help lower my taxes and perhaps get back my OAS?

Answer: Since you are in the highest income tax bracket and you lose your OAS, you must be earning in excess of $75,000. It follows that you have substantial cash holdings working for you.

Have you given any thought to buying a condominium? If you bought one for $300,000, you would probably have a nice apartment. All future gain in value will be yours or your estate's. At the same time you will have reduced your cash holdings by $300,000 and therefore reduced your income by approximately $30,000. Further, you would not have to pay rent thereby enhancing your spendable dollars.

Investment income sometimes receives better tax treatment in the form of dividends than interest income does. If you receive dividends from shares of a Canadian corporation, you are entitled to a federal dividend tax credit of 16.67 per cent of the dividend you receive. You might consider changing some of your interest income to dividend income. This may, however, imply greater risks than GIC investments.

Income splitting is another way to reduce your taxable interest income. If it is your intention to leave your estate to children, consider giving them some of your estate now in the form of a cash gift. Any income from the investment of these funds made by your children over age 18 will be taxed in their hands. You will also derive the pleasure of seeing your children enjoying the funds

These strategies are not to be considered as a full list of what can be done, however, they might be just the thing to restore your OAS and lower your tax bracket. We suggest you consult with your accountant who would be in a better position to know which strategies would be most effective.

Question: I recently read an article in a newspaper where a retired person was complaining that the drop of interest rates will have a serious effect on the income of many senior citizens. I too am in the position that most of my income comes from GIC's, and bond interest. This year my income will be affected by a drop of about 20 per cent. Do you have any suggestions to remedy this problem?

Answer: This problem has, of course, been with us for a long time. When interest rates are high, seniors, who have money to invest, are happy with their returns. When interest rates are low, their incomes obviously drop, and they become unhappy with their returns.

The first rule to remember is, do not panic. Do not try to make up for the interest rate by investing in unfamiliar or risky investments. These products are usually affected by interest rates in the same way as GIC's and Canada Savings Bonds. However, many carry high fees for making or breaking the investment or managing funds. Often you think you are ahead but you are not.

There is a rule of thumb to remember that will help you beat the averages. When interest rates are low, invest for a short terms, say six months or one year at a time. When interest rates are high, invest for long term, perhaps three or five years.

The process is really quite simple. Before you invest ask your self where interest rates are right now. Then act accordingly. In the long run you will be better off in GIC's and at no risk to your capital.

Question: I have a self-administered Registered Retirement Savings Plan. Is it possible for me to buy Israel bonds with the cash in the plan? I feel that if this can be done, many people might consider buying more bonds and therefore aiding Israel in a bigger way.

Answer: The idea is, of course, a great one. Sadly it cannot be done. There is an allowance for foreign investments of up to 14 per cent in 1991. However, the investments must either be listed on a stock exchange or be issued by a Canadian issuer.

Israel bonds fall into the second category because they are issued by a New York bank in American funds. Therefore they do not qualify for investment in your RRSP.

All questions on annuities, RRIF's or RRSP's should be directed to Sherr, Bergstein & Crackower Annuity Insurance Agency, 272 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 203, Toronto, Ontario M5M 4M1; telephone (416) 787-4517.

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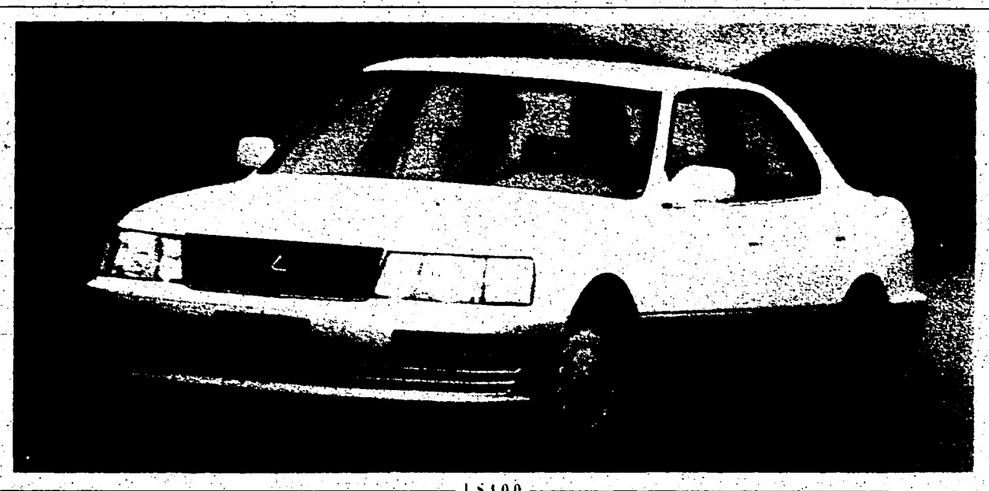

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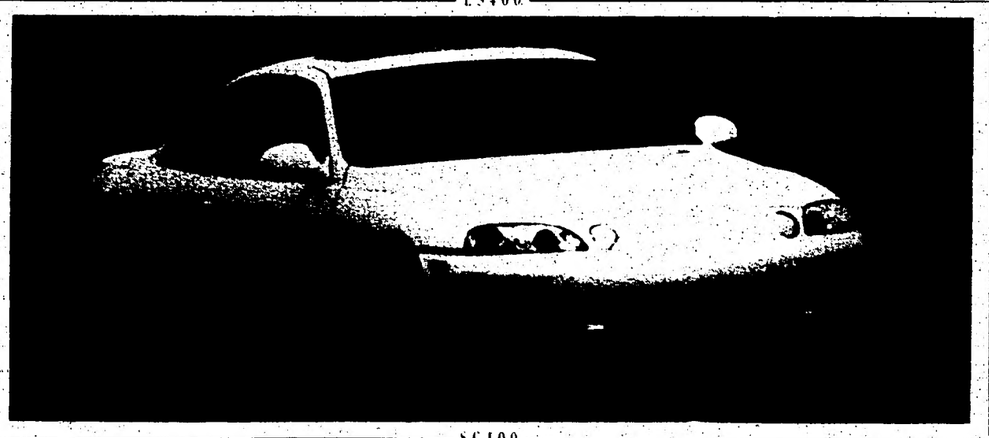

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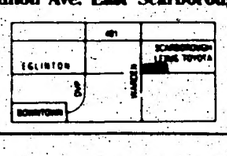

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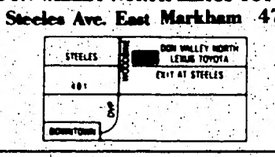

Business Outlook

Causes of industry ills cited

Experts offer retail success formula

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

There are six factors that businesses must consider if a successful retail operation is to be maintained, said two spokesmen for The Coopers & Lybrand Consulting Group.

David Marcus and Howard Petrook led a recent seminar held at L'Hotel in Toronto.

The six most important criteria for retail success include excellent systems, a dominant assortment, credible pricing, market share dominance, excellent management and long-term focus on business.

At the beginning of the seminar, Petrook cited the causes of the retail industries current ills.

Among those causes he included the recession, high interest rates, cross border shopping, a high exchange rate, taxes, environmental concerns, the changing demographics of the Canadian population and the implementation of the GST.

The first factor for success that Marcus discussed was that of electronic systems. He urged his audience to ask themselves how they are using today's technology to gather pertinent information about their customers.

While this information must be obtained fast and accurately, Marcus said it must also be meaningful and usable.

Marcus said management must have a strong understanding of how to effectively use the systems and the information generated by the systems. He added that updating the systems is an on-going project.

Petrook explained the next point. A dominant assortment must be maintained in order for a company to define what niche it wishes to occupy.

Petrook said that once that niche has been defined, the owner must strive to become the best merchandiser of that group.

"Aim to become a power retailer in your market. Your merchandise selection should turn you into a shopping destination for potential consumers," he said.

He added that it is essential for retailers to be in stock of that merchandise at all times. Work closely with suppliers to ensure in-stock provisions, secure resources of supply and product development, he said.

Marcus said that as far as credible pricing is concerned, the owner should ensure that the customer is always receiving the best quality for their money.

The quality must match the price, and in turn, the store facilities, service and presentation must match the value positioning, he said.

Petrook explained that in order for a store to obtain market share dominance, the owner has to clearly define the market target. This target must be well-known all the way from the top executives to the part-time workers.

Those involved must also be aware of any changes that take place in that sector. These alterations may include a change in needs, expectations and lifestyle requirements.

He said that for a company to maintain an at-the-top position, a good understanding of the competition is essential. Owners should be aware of what the market share of the competitors are at any given time.

Petrook stressed that the company must maintain a focus on increasing the market share each year and ensure that the overall concept of the business remains in focus.

Marcus pointed out that excellent management skills are also essential.

He said people must be treated within the company in a manner which reflects how senior management wants them to treat the customers. He stressed that management must listen to, heed and take effective action on what the customers are saying. Communication within the company must be excellent at all levels of the organization.

The last point that must be included in the success formula for retailers is a long-term focus on the business.

Petrook said the company must have a definite plan on where it intends to be in the future and this plan must be constantly updated. The plan must take into consideration such factors as: market size, market share, consumer expectations, population changes, legislation trends, economic trends, real estate trends, the labor market and construction and raw materials costs.

Marcus finished the seminar by saying that companies should plan to be ahead of the pack, not behind. In general, retailers must be able to see where the consumer's needs are going and decide how the business will handle those changes.

Local company offers incentive program

TORONTO —

Meri Irrigation Systems Ltd. is the company known for the Israeli-designed sprinkler system it imports to Canada.

Although the system was introduced last year, the president of the company, Marvin Cooper said this season is going well.

As an incentive program for potential customers, Eli Leiner of First Canadian Service Company recently announced that from every system sold from this program, $50 will be donated to Operation Exodus — flying Soviet Jews to Israel.

The First Canadian Service Company is one of the companies that install the Meri Irrigation System.

Cooper explained that the sprinkler system was originally designed for agriculture use in Israel.

Perhaps a second incentive is the price of the system. Cooper said that while the cost of installating the in-ground system is high, the Meri system costs between $770 to $800.

In addition, the sprinkler head can be angled, which means the homeowner is actually conserving water. Cooper said that many run the risk of an uneven watering when they use the conventional hose and sprinkler.

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Delegation explores programs

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

A nine-member trade delegation from Quebec visited Israel recently to explore opportunities for collaboration in the field of biotechnology.

"Both Quebec and Israel are very advanced in biotechnology so it is a natural area for collaboration between the two," explained Louise Leger, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Israel.

Leger noted there are already a few joint ventures between Canadian and Israeli biotechnology firms, but added that there is much more scope for collaboration in import and export of products, investment, and the establishment of joint ventures.

She said that several members of the trade delegation were enthusiastic after their meetings with Israeli counterparts, and that new agreements seemed imminent.

The delegation, formed at the initiative of the Quebec government, was led by Normand Bordand of Quebec's Ministry of International Affairs.

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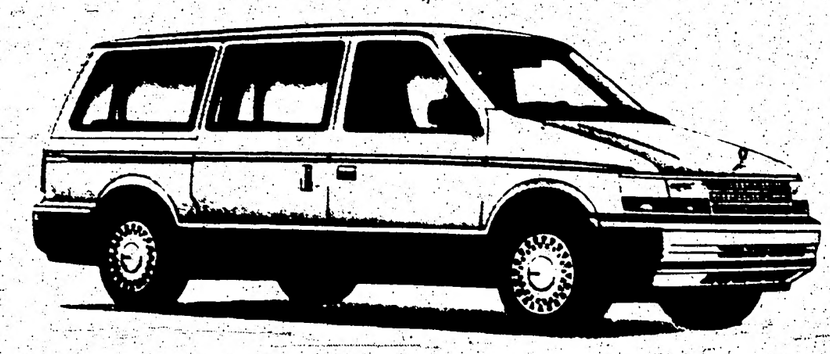

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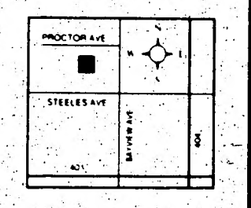

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55 Obituaries

Bergman, Esther on June 6, 1991, late of 4266 Bathurst St., #910.
Budd, Sarah on June 10, 1991.
Finstein, Freda on June 9, 1991.
Geller, Max on June 8, 1991, late of 35 Cedarcroft Blvd., #315.
Litvck, Ann on June 8, 1991, late of 6020 Bathurst St., #1012.
Moskowitz, Issie (Israel) on June 9, 1991, late of 14 Baintree Crt. W.
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Ida Cohen on May 31/91, late of Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
David Abramovitz on Jun 1/91, late of 35 Cedarcroft Blvd. #405.
Bessie Berns on Jun 1/91, late of 17 Farmstead Rd. #1601.
Faye Schwartz on Jun 3/91, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.
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Elisabeth Pellegrino on Jun 3/91, late of 1240 Marlborough Court **Ethel Thompson** on Jun 4/91, late of 989 Eglinton Avenue W. #612.
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Saul Steinberg on Jun 6/91, late of 135 Antibes Dr. #1805.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Harry Sobel** will take place on Sunday, June 23, 1991, 11:00am at Dawes Road Cemetery, Drildzer Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5408

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Clarisse Weiss** will take place on Sunday, June 23, 1991, 10:30am, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Shaarei Tefilah Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Nathan Newman** will take place on Sunday, June 23, 1991, 10:45am, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Stashover Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5450

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HENOCH WOLFSON ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 23, 11:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Yeshiva Torah Chaim Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
PIROSKA ABONY ז"ל
beloved mother of Susanne and Louis Friedman, Eva and Tibor Izsak and Judy Mazloum, sister of Magda Gold, Elizabeth Kulcsar and Ilona Schlosser
will take place
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Lillian (Lily) Freedman ז"ל
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In the fall of 1990, 20 second-year students from the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Toronto were challenged to design an outdoor sculpture garden, as part of the Koffler Gallery's long-range plans for expansion.

The project was, in part, an attempt to assist the gallery's board of directors in giving form to its vision of the gallery's new curatorial focus on contemporary sculpture, as well as bringing greater visual and environmental coherence to the 27 acres of land owned by the Jewish Community Centre, in which the gallery is situated, and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Students were asked to consider the site, both fronting on Bathurst Street and the land at the rear of the complex; the expansion of the gallery, with an outdoor exhibition area; the continuation of existing facilities in the building; the accessibility of the sculpture garden to a variety of ages and abilities; and its accessibility to both pedestrians and bicycles.

Recurrent themes emerged

While the 20 proposals are individual in approach, certain recurrent themes emerged which may help focus future discussion of these plans.

Among these ideas are the maintenance of the unique visual character of the existing landscape; the notion that there should be two sculpture gardens; a greater visual connection between inside galleries/lounges and the outside landscape; a sense of the adaptability in the landscape to accommodate a collection to be amassed over a long period of time; and a responsibility to maintain the river and valley as a continuation within the regional landscape.

No single proposal met every requirement, but collectively they address the key issues involved and may be useful in stimulating discussion and providing a basis for more informed decisions.

The scope of the total project goes beyond the domain of the gallery, as it transforms the image of the Jewish Community Centre as a whole, but through the implementation of a series of affordable pieces over a substantial period of time, a Centre of greater function and beauty could result, one more integrated with the social and natural environment.

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